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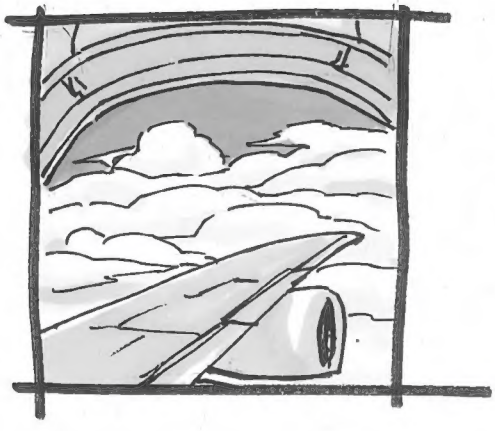

I went home to visit my parents for the first time in a long while. The clouds I saw out the airplane window were very pleasant and made me remember that I like clouds.

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2008*

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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# THE CHARACTERS

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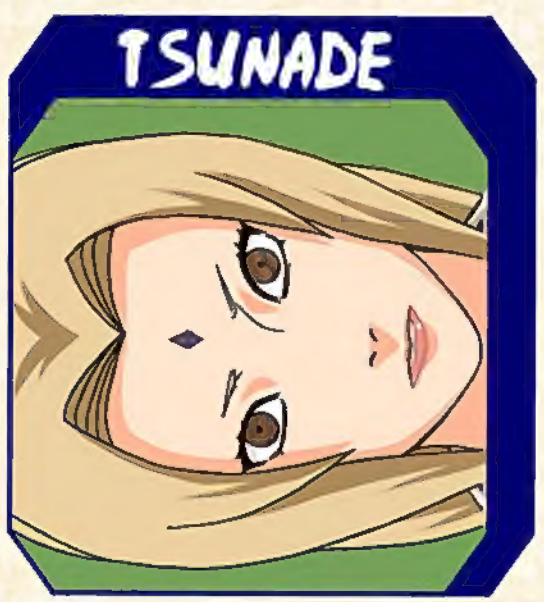

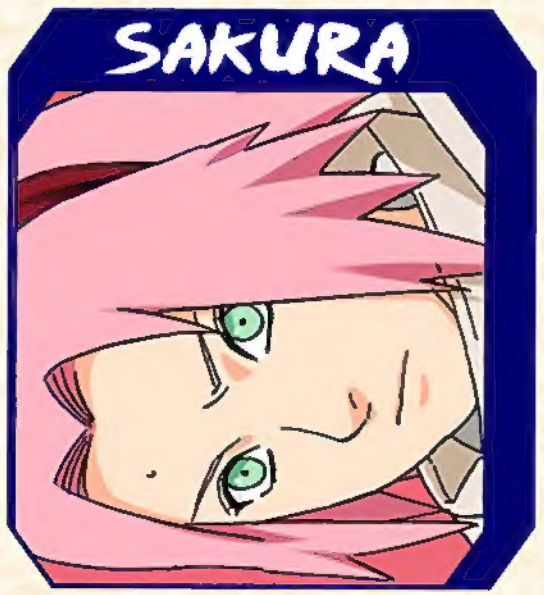

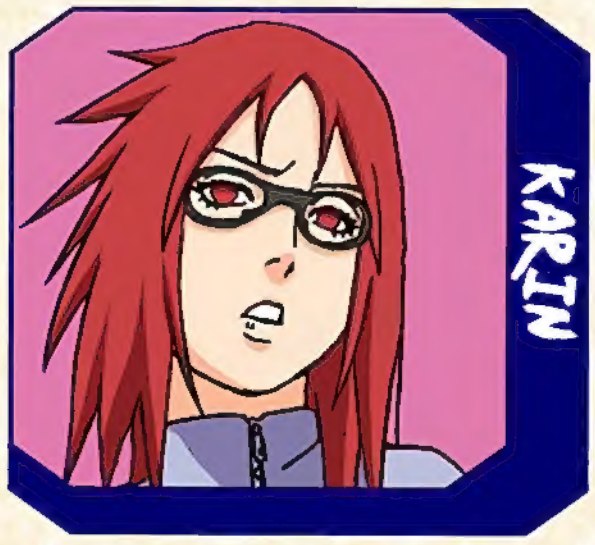


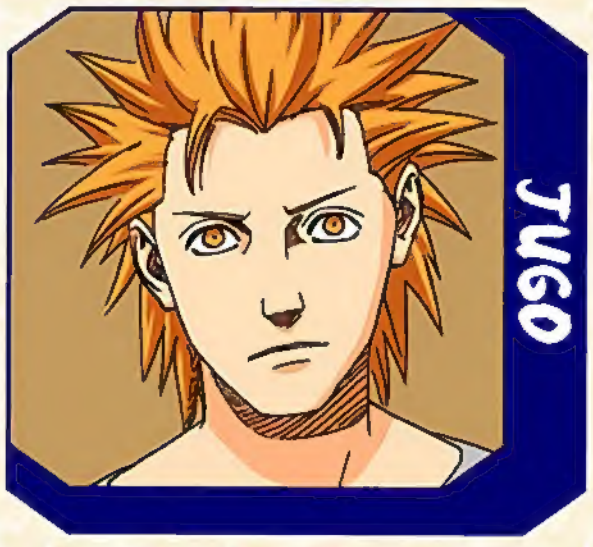


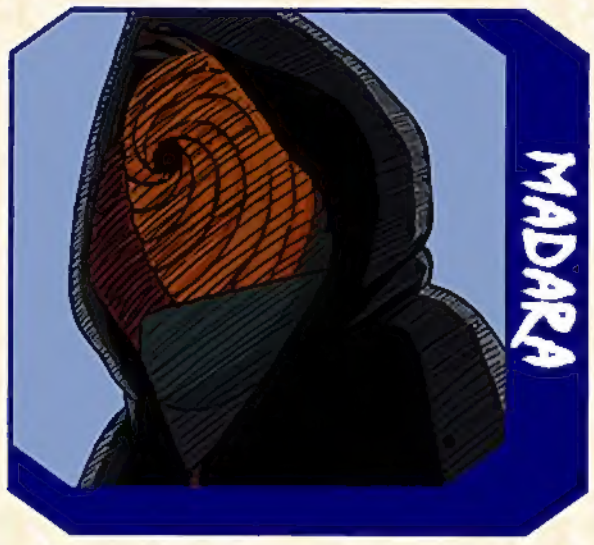

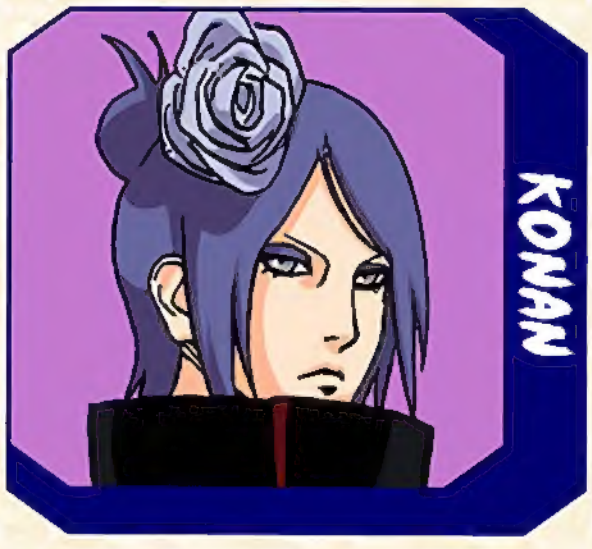

## THE STORY SO FAR...

NARUTO MUST DECIPHER THE CRYPTIC LAST WORDS OF HIS BELOVED MENTOR. WHAT DID JIRAIYA FIND OUT ABOUT THE LEADER OF THE AKATSUKI THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT HE HAD TO HIDE IT IN CODE? AND CAN NARUTO STAND A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST THOSE WHO MANAGED TO TAKE DOWN ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI?

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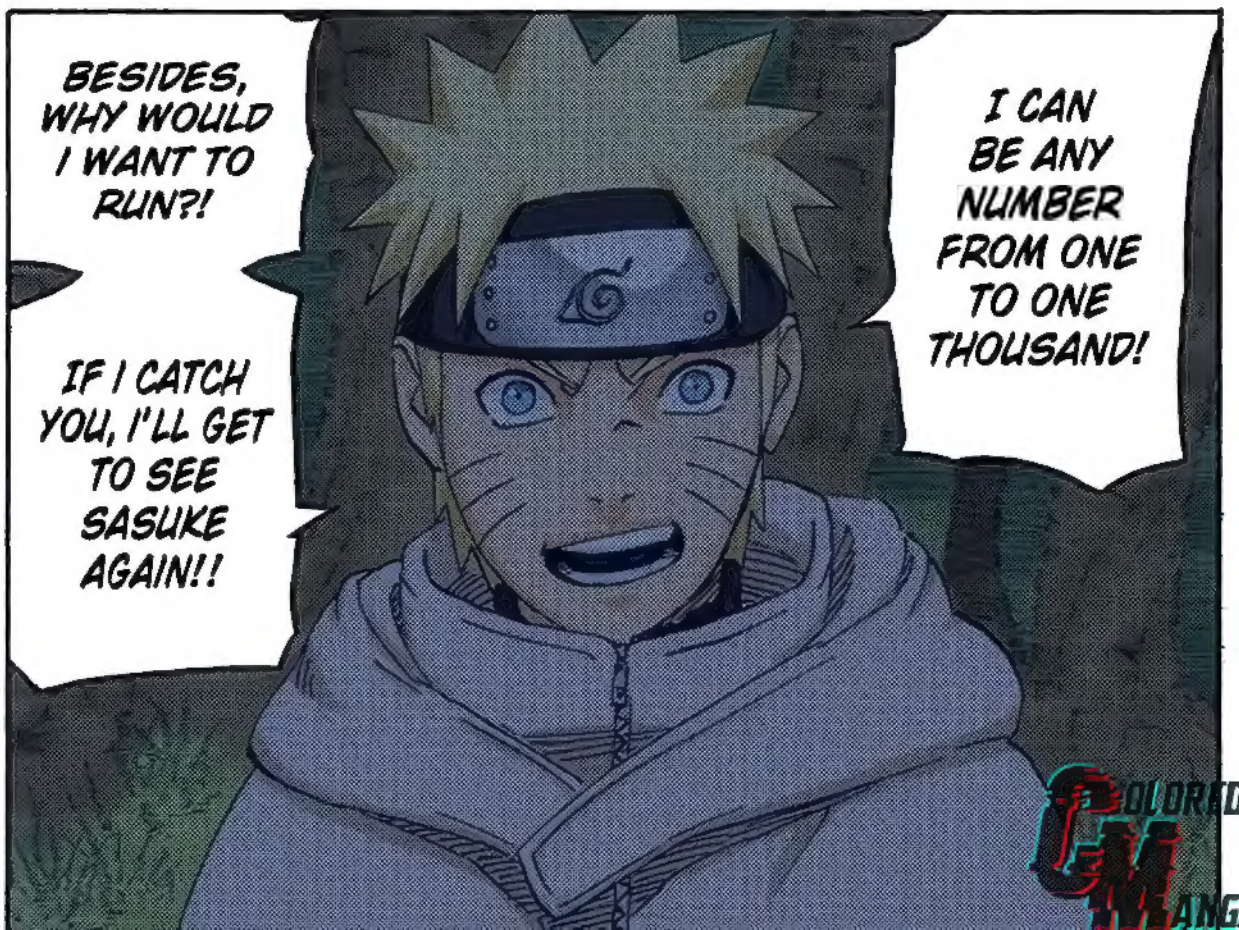


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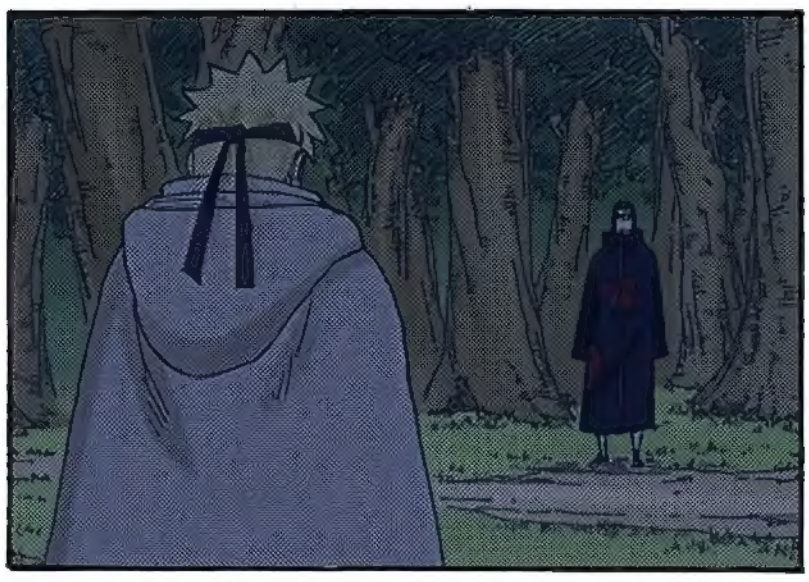
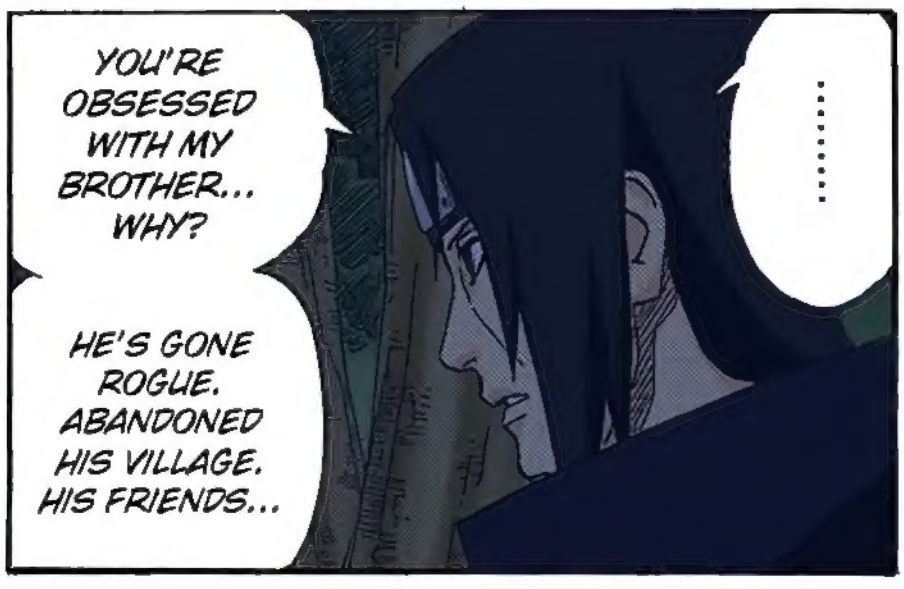
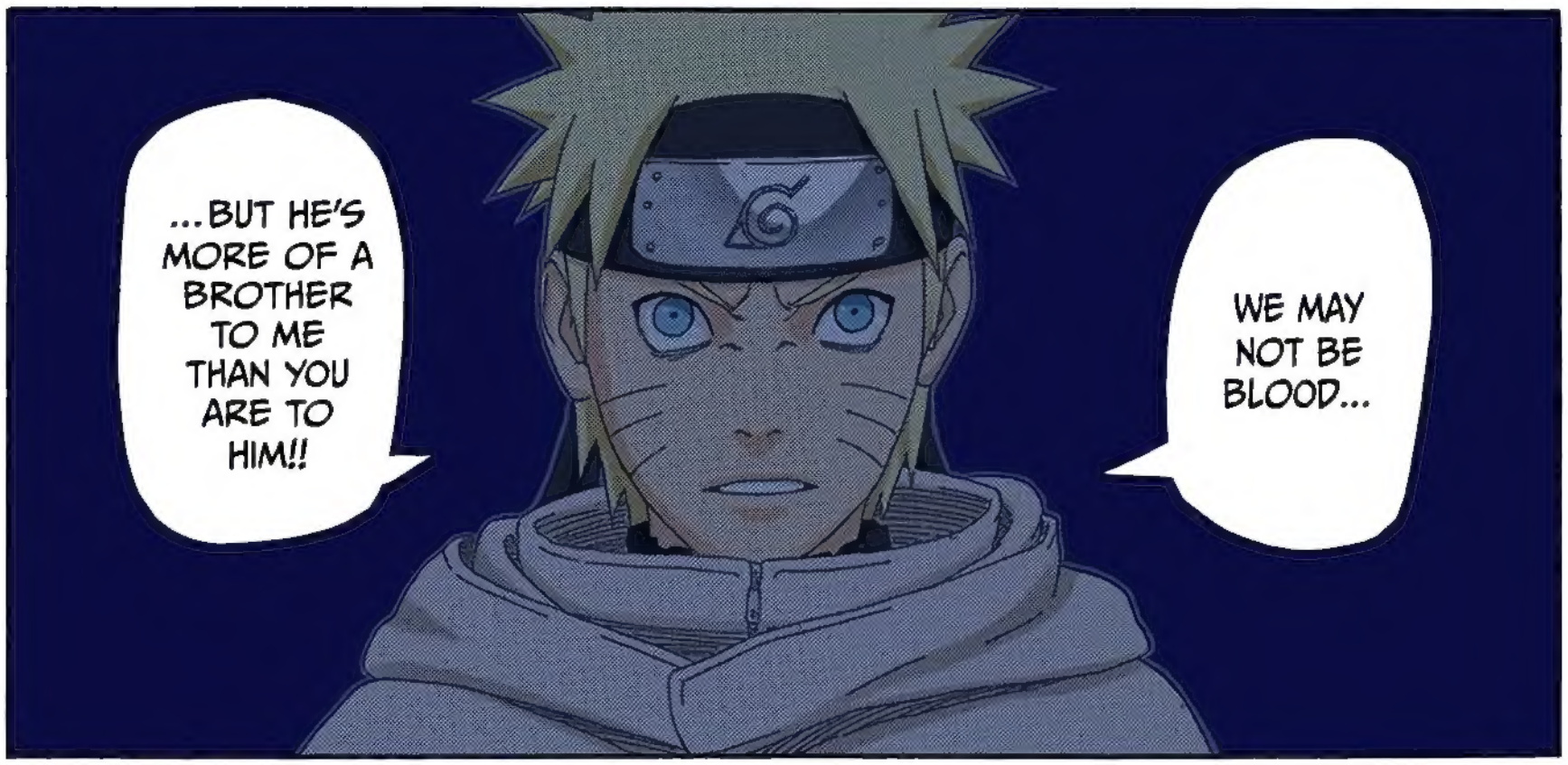
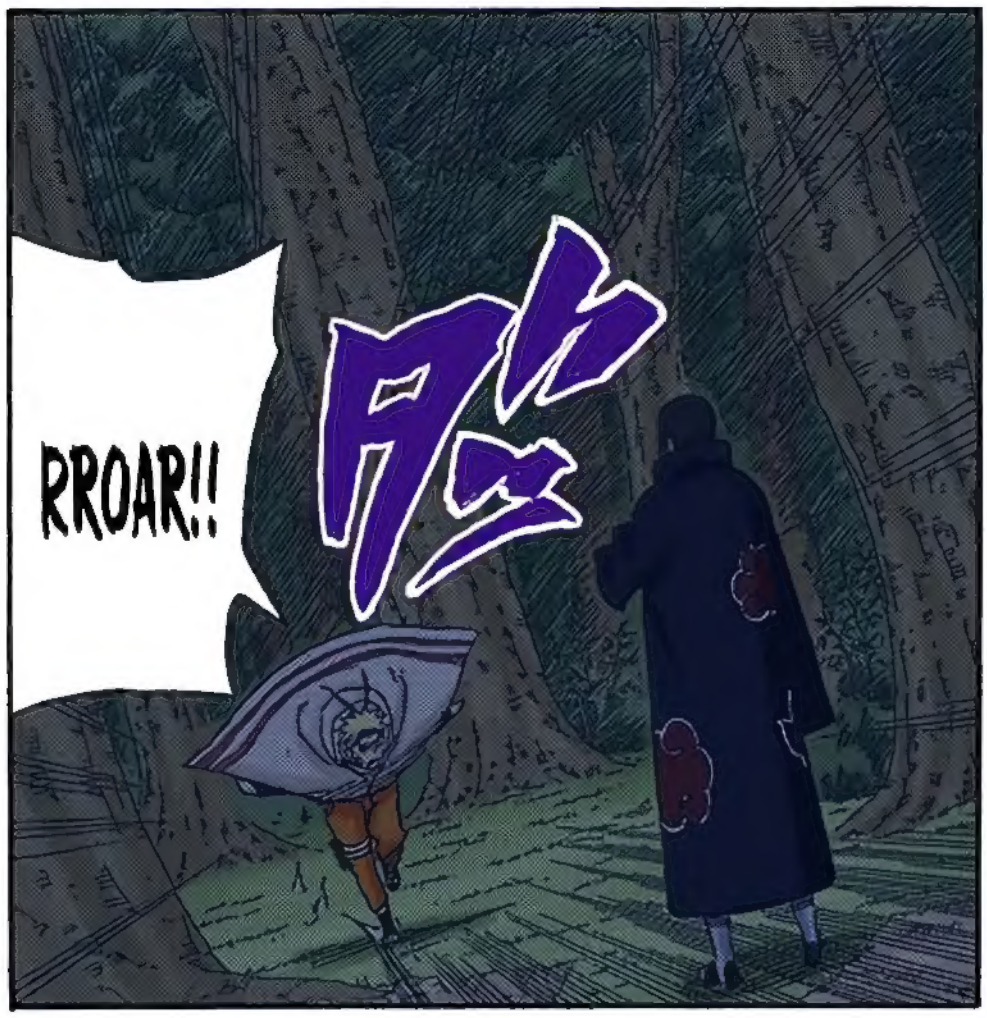
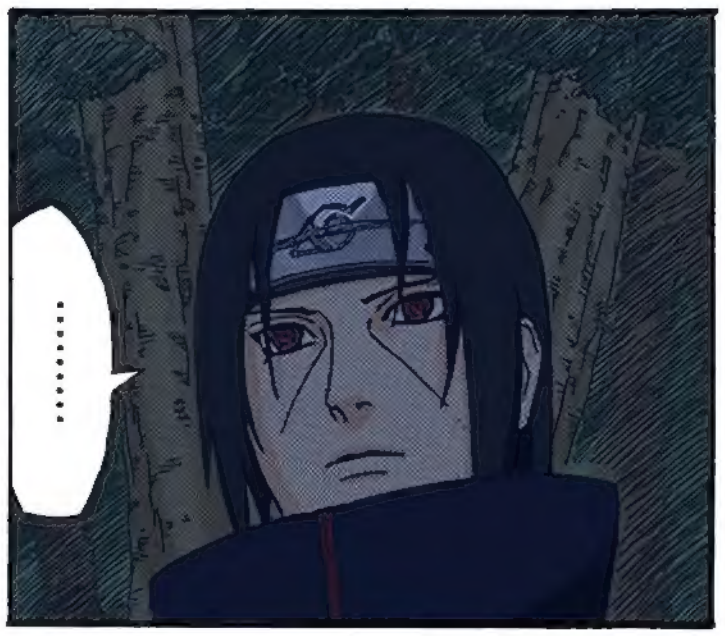





SFX: WHSSSH!



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SFX: FLAP!

FLICK!

...I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.

I JUST WANT TO TALK.

YOU'RE ALREADY WITHIN MY GENJUTSU.

SFX: VWEEN!

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BUT WHAT IF IT DOESN'T GO THE WAY YOU WANT?

YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE SASUKE BACK TO KONOHA.

!?

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BUT WHAT IF THE OPPISITE HAPPENS?

EVEN IF BY FORCE, HUH... SURE, IF YOU'RE LUCKY, SASUKE WILL OBEDIENTLY RETURN TO THE VILLAGE.

I'LL DO ANY-THING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

WHAT IF SASUKE WERE TO ATTACK KONOHA? WHAT WOULD YOU DO THEN?

YOU JUST SAID YOU CONSIDER SASUKE TO BE LIKE A BROTHER.

HUH?

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO STOP HIM?

HE CAN EASILY BE DYED ANY COLOR.

SASUKE IS STILL A BLANK CANVAS.

WHY WOULD SASUKE ...

...DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT?!

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EVEN KILL HIM, IF NEED BE...?

I WOULD DEFEND KONOHA!

BUT I WOULD ALSO STOP SASUKE WITHOUT KILLING HIM!

COULD YOU WEIGH SASUKE AGAINST KONOHA ON A SET OF SCALE?

...YOUR TALES ARE ALL FANTASIES... SHINOBI MUST SOMETIMES MAKE VERY HARSH DECISIONS.

YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD...

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HE WAS DESTINED TO LEAVE, SOONER OR LATER. DON'T BLAME YOURSELF... YOU MUST FORGET.

YOU MUST FORGET SASUKE. UNDER-STAND?

THIS WORLD... IT'S NO PLACE FOR A FOOL. THAT'S THE REALITY.

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE AS SHINOBI, YOU MUST BE SMARTER.

TO BE SHINOBI, YOU NEED MORE THAN STRENGTH AND JUTSU... YOU MUST LEARN TO WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS AND MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

*SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE ...*

*...BUT FOR ME, THERE IS NO CHOICE...*

EVEN IF I'VE GOT TO DO IT ALONE... I'M GONNA SPIN SOME INCREDIBLE JUSTSU...

IF BEING SMART MEANS WHAT YOU SAY... I'LL REMAIN A FOOL MY ENTIRE LIFE.

AND I'M GONNA RESCUE SASUKE, NO MATTER WHAT!

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...THAT'S MY SHINOBY WAY!

I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD...

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UGH!

!

SFX: VWOP!

SFX: SWSH!

I MUST GO...

DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

COME ON! LET'S FINISH THIS!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I HAVE SHARED SOME OF MY POWER WITH YOU.

THOUGH I HOPE THE DAY WHEN YOU WILL HAVE TO USE IT NEVER COMES.

I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MATTER TO ATTEND TO.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THE PREPARATIONS ARE ALREADY COMPLETED.

...AND...

WHEN I LOOK UPON THE FULL MOON...

IT MAKES ME BACK TO THAT NIGHT...

...MEMORIES I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FORGET.

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FAINT MEMORIES STORED DEEP IN MY HEART ARE FLOATING BACK TO THE SURFACE.

NOW I CAN FINALLY RECALL THINGS ABOUT ITACHI...

...YOU WILL FIND ME AGAIN.

AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I...

KEEP RUNNING... AND RUNNING...

...CLINGING DESPER-ATELY TO LIFE!

SFX: SHUNK!

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STAGGER

SFX: THU-THUMP!

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HUF!

HUF!

TAK!

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SFX: TAK!

SFX: SHUP!

WAIT!

FTAP!

FTAP!

FTAP!

TMP

SFX: WOOSH!

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SWSH

SFX:THUNK!

SFX:TMP!

HUF

HUF

TWEEK

FOUP

HUF

GASP!

HUF

WRRBLE

FOP

SFX: THUD!

...HE WAS CRYING.

PITTER...

THAT MOMENT ...

I THOUGHT... I HAD IMAGINED IT.

AND THEN I FORGOT ABOUT IT.

IT SEEMS WHAT YOU TOLD ME IS TRUE.

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SASUKE'S DOWN TOO... SO WHAT NEXT?

SASUKE WON! UCHIHA ITACHI HAS DIED!

I THINK HE'S IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE.

WHAT DID ITACHI MEAN BY THAT?

WHY DID HE...

I HOPE YOU'RE OK...

I WONDER WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW, SASUKE...

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NAH...

YOU GOING TO TRANS-PLANT THEM?

SO WHAT ABOUT ITACHI'S EYES...

WHAT ITACHI WANTED...

AND WHAT I WILL BE DOING ARE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS.

.....

...SO I WILL RESTORE THE UCHIHA IN MY OWN WAY.

I CAN'T DO AS ITACHI WANTED...

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# ナンバー 404：“鷹”と“暁”

# CHAPTER 404: TAKA & AKATSUKI

...I'M SORRY THAT I HAD TO DECEIVE YOU, THE PERSON CLOSEST TO ME.

IT TURNS OUT THAT YOU WILL BE THE LAST TO KNOW...

I ACTUALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD, TOBI.

FIRST ZETSU, NOW YOU COME BOTHERING ME?

I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, MASTER KISAME.

!

!?

SWIH

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I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA YOU WERE TOBI, MILORD.

...I SEE.

I SHALL CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOU, KISAME.

LORD MIZUKAGE EMERITUS... I MEAN MADARA.

NOW I AM RELIEVED... KNOWING THAT IT IS YOU CALLING THE SHOTS MAKE MY JOB EASIER...

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LADY FIFTH HAS SUMMONED YOU. COME ON, LET'S GET GOING.

OH...HEY, KAKASHI SENSEI...

NOK NOK

!

YO! Naruto ...

HUH?

IT'S CHIEF TOAD AND GAMAKICHI!

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ACTUALLY ...

Just let The Boss and Stunade Handle It!

Gamakichi! keep your trap shut!

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DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

.....?

JUST HURRY UP.

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

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SFX: KLUNK!

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...AND THE PROBABLE *CHILD OF PROPHECY.*

YES... THIS IS UZUMAKI NARUTO ...

.....

SO THIS CHILD IS JIRAIYA-BOY'S DESCIPLE?

HE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

THIS HONORABLE PERSONAGE IS ONE OF THE *TWO GREAT SAGES ON MOUNT MYOBOKU*, LORD *FUKASAKU.*

*NARUTO! WATCH YOUR MOUTH!*

A GEEZER FROG?

WHAT...?

...BUT NEVER MIND THAT. SO YA REALLY ARE JIRAIYA-BOY'S DISCIPLE?

WELL, TO BE MORE ACCURATE, I AM THE GREAT SAGE TOAD.

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HOW DARE YOU TREAT PERVY SAGE LIKE A KID!

WHO DOES THIS GEEZER FROG THINK HE IS?!!

JIRAIYA-BOY...?

BOY?!

!

HE IS THE VENERABLE MASTER WHO TAUGHT LORD JIRAIYA SAGE HIS JUTSU.

I SAID, WATCH YOUR MOUTH!

...BUT I SUPPOSE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS...

I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN ...

SO WHAT DOES THAT GEEZER SAGE WANT FROM ME, ANYWAY?

WHAT A FITTIN' NICKNAME FOR JIRAIYA-BOY!

HO HOHO... PERVY SAGE, EH...

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JIRAIYA-BOY... WAS KILLED IN A BATTLE.

...HUH?

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WHA-
WHAT ARE
YOU
TALKING
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SFX: THUMP!

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IF YOU AIM HIGH, THE ONES BELOW WILL SHIELD THEM.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY...

...AND YOU FOUR TAKA AREN'T STRONG ENOUGH ALONE.

YOU SAID YOU WANT TO DESTROY KONOHA. BUT HOW? WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

...THE OTHERS I BASICALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT EITHER WAY.

THE ELDERS MUST DIE...

WE HAVEN'T SETTLED THAT GAME WE STARTED THE OTHER DAY... SO LET ME SHOW YOU MY REAL...

STOP IT, SUIGETSU.

MASTER KISAME...YOU SHOULDN'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US.

SFX: TAK!

タン

HEH...

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SFX: SHOOM!

SASUKE, YOU LACK CONTROL.

SFX: THOK!

I'VE BEEN HANGING WITH SASUKE ONLY SO I COULD GET NEAR IT.

MY OBJECTIVE IS HIS *SAME-HADA!*

SUIGETSU, ARE YOU STUPID?!

THIS ISN'T-

HE STOPPED ME WITH JUST HIS ARM...

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HOHO... YET, HE...

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BUT KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST HIM YET.

FINE...

DO AS YOU WILL, SUIGETSU.

SASUKE... WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

KLAK

THEN AGAIN, THE AKATSUKI'S LOW IN MAN-POWER RIGHT NOW TOO.

WELL, NO WORRIES. I'LL GET YOU SOME YUMMY SHARK'S FIN SOON ENOUGH.

*HEH...* WHAT A DIS, SASUKE.

SO... TAKA SHALL COORDINATE AND MOVE WITH THE AKATSUKI.

WE SHARE COMMON INTERESTS.

THE TOP SHOULDN'T BE CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK, YOU KNOW.

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THE BIJU?

WE'LL SHARE THE BIJU WITH YOU.

AND WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

YOU MEAN THOSE HUNKS OF CHAKRA PHYSICALLY MANIFESTING AS TAILED BEASTS, LIKE THE NINE TAILS...?

WHICH MEANS?

YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?

... STARTING WITH THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TERRITORIES, AS PROOF OF ALLIANCES OR AGREE-MENTS.

EACH TIME A GREAT SHINOBI WAS THREATENED, HASHIRAMA HOKAGE USED THEM TO MAINTAIN THE POWER BALANCE AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO OTHER LANDS...

THEY'RE CHAKRA MONSTERS.

LONG AGO, THE FIRST HOKAGE COLLECTED A FEW OF THEM AND KEPT THEM UNDER HIS CONTROL.

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HOWEVER, IF YOU BETRAY THE AKATSUKI, YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE.

THAT'S QUITE GENER-OUS.

...IT'S NOT A BAD PROPOSITION.

YOU COULD CALL THEM THE ULTIMATE CHAKRA WEAPONS...

HUH?

...THAT'LL BE YOUR IMMEDIATE GOAL.

WE'LL SPLIT THEM BETWEEN US...

SO FAR WE AKATSUKI HAVE COLLECTED SEVEN OF THEM...

...JUST TWO REMAIN.

...THERE ARE NINE BIJU IN TOTAL.

HEH...

TAKA, YOU TAKE THE OTHERS.

THE AKATSUKI SHALL HUNT NARUTO.

...YOU DON'T HAVE NINE TAILS YET, HUH.

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WELL?

AND NOW WE NEED NO LONGER KEEP OUR PACT TO STAY AWAY FROM KONOHA.

ITACHI'S DEAD... SO OUR EYESORE'S FINALLY GONE.

IT WENT WELL ...

THAT'S GOOD.

BUT ITACHI HAD PLACED INSURANCE IN SASUKE.

THE AMATERSU.

SUCH A LONG WAIT...

ALL SO WE COULD PROCEED ACCORDING TO PLAN... IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT.

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TRUE INTENTIONS ASIDE, HE PROBABLY FEARED I WOULD TRY TO RECRUIT SASUKE.

YOU DON'T THINK ITACHI WAS AWARE THAT WE KNEW HIS TRUE INTENTIONS, DO YOU? SO WHY...?

*DEIDARA, SASORI, HIDAN, KAKUZU...*

...WITHOUT THEM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN AS FAR AS WE HAVE.

WELL, WE RAN INTO PROBLEMS HERE AND THERE...

...BUT THEY ALL SERVED THE AKATSUKI BY THEIR OWN WILL.

STILL... LOSING SO MANY MEMBERS JUST TO GET THIS FAR...

...I HAVE TAMED AND WON OVER SASUKE.

MOST IMPOR-TANTLY...

AND THANKS TO THEM, EVERYTHING IS FOLLOWING MY PLAN.

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# 405 : INHERITANCE

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THIS IS THE MESSAGE!

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EVEN AFTER HE HAD HIS THROAT CRUSHED BY PAIN...

...JIRAIYA-BOY LEFT A MESSAGE BEFORE COLLAPSING.

IT'S A CODE...

9,31,8
106,7
207,15

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YOU LET HIM GO... GRANNY ...?

.....

..AND THAT'S IT FOR JIRAIYA-BOY'S EFFORTS.

I'M SURE IT WERE SO PAIN WOULDN'T CATCH ON.

FRILL?

THAT'S RIGHT.

.....

HOW COULD YOU SEND HIM TO SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE, ALONE?!

YOU KNOW PERVY SAGE BETTER THAN ANYONE!

STOP IT, NARUTO!

WHY'D YOU LET HIM TAKE THAT RISK?!

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YOU OF ALL PEOPLE OUGHT TO KNOW LADY FIFTH'S FEELINGS.

I AM STILL ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI OF KONOHA. YOU DO REMEMBER WHAT THAT MEANS?

ALONE?! NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS ...!

OUR JOB IS TO SET EXAMPLES FOR AND AID THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

JUST GONNA HAVE TO KEEP OUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK, I GUESS...

FOR THAT CAUSE, I'LL GLADLY RISK MY LIFE.

..AND THEY'LL CONTINUE TO SHAPE US.

ALL OUR EXPERIENCE... ALL THE PEOPLE WE'VE LOST...HAVE SHAPED WHO WE ARE NOW...

LOOK AT YOU NOW... A SO-SOMETHING GRANNY...

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...GAH!

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...HE WOULDN'T HAVE LET GRANNY TSUNADE TAKE SUCH RISKS...

*I KNOW IT!*

IF PERVY SAGE HAD BEEN THE FIFHT HOKAGE...

KLAK

NARUTO! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

SFX: KATOK!

JUST LET HIM BE.

SAKURA... ENOUGH.

NARUTO!

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BUT...

SFX: BWHAM!

BUT BACK TO THAT CHILD OF PROPHECY VISION I WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER...

NO, NO... THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT.

I'LL ARRANGE FOR NARUTO TO...

MY APOLOGIES, LORD FUKASAKU.

IT MAKES ME HOPE MORE THAN ANYTHING...

...THAT HE IS THE CHILD OF PROPHECY.

I CAN SEE THAT THAT CHILD TRULLY LOVED AND ADMIRED JIRAIYA-BOY.

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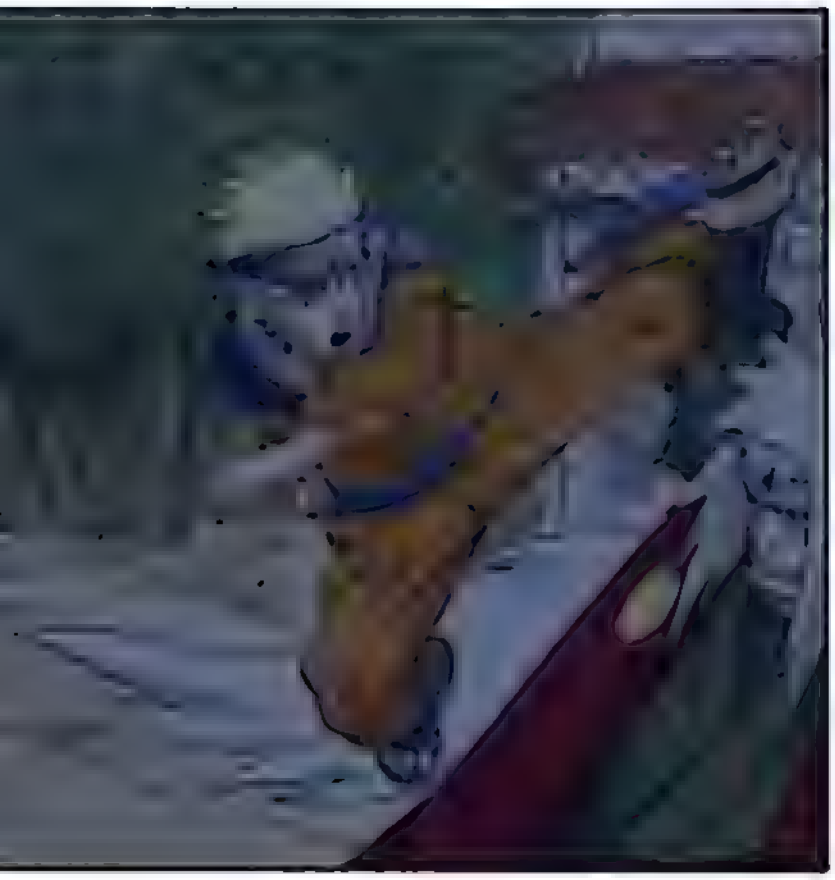

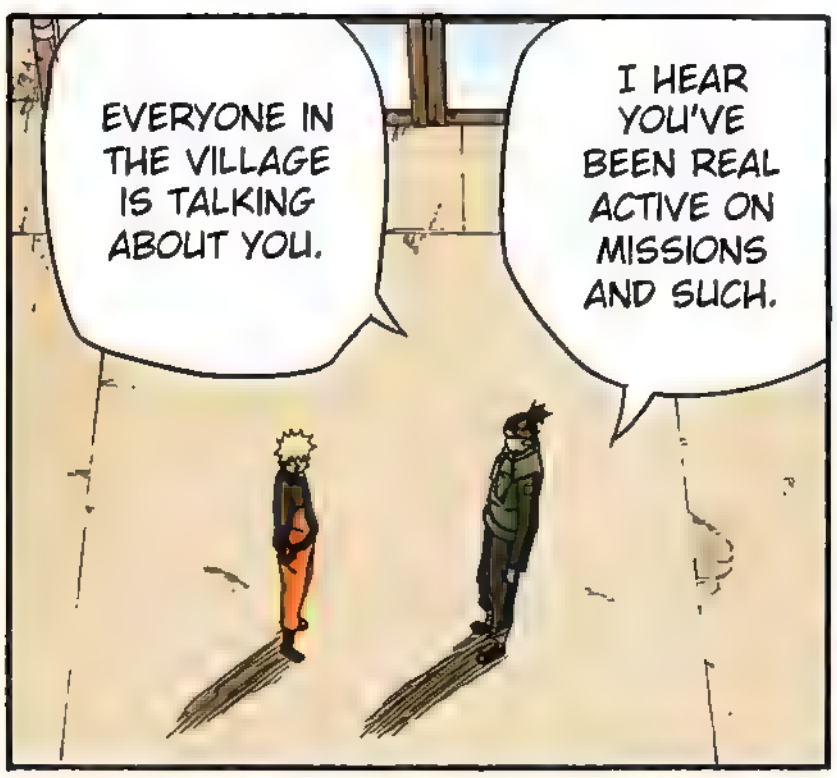

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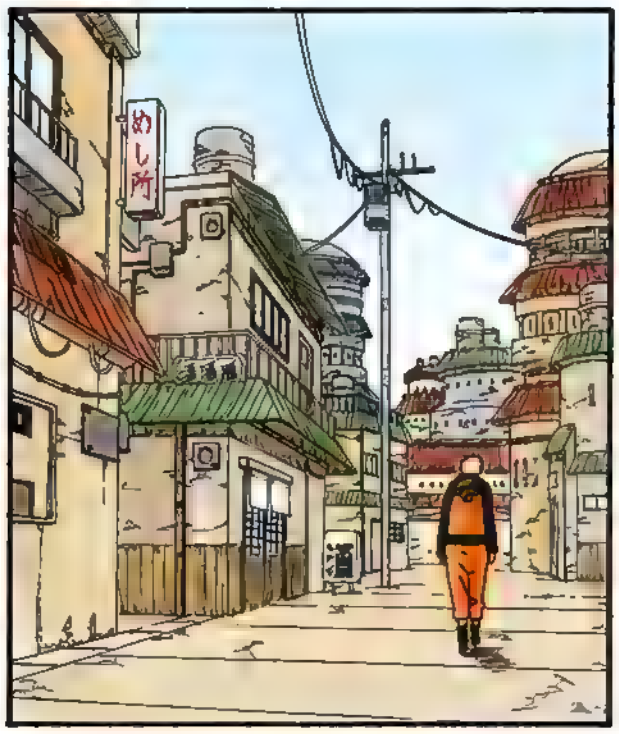
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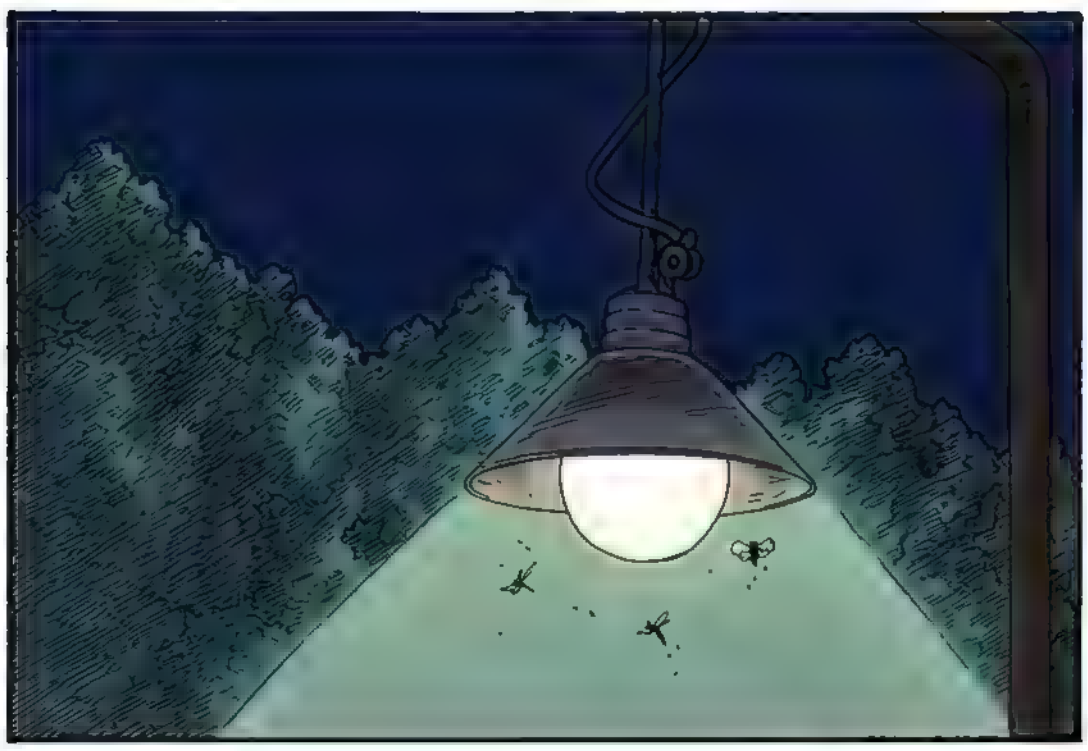

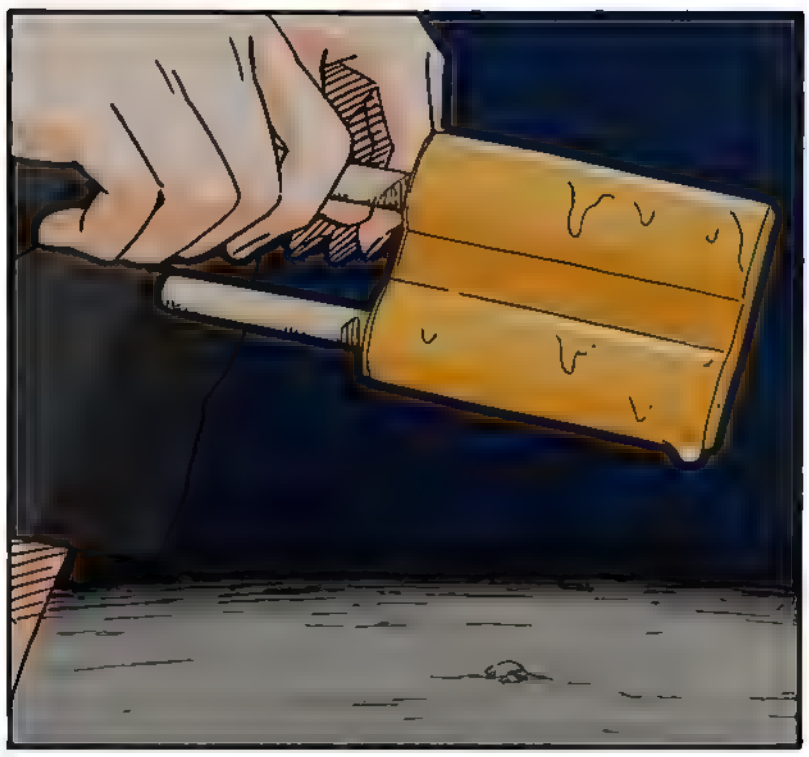

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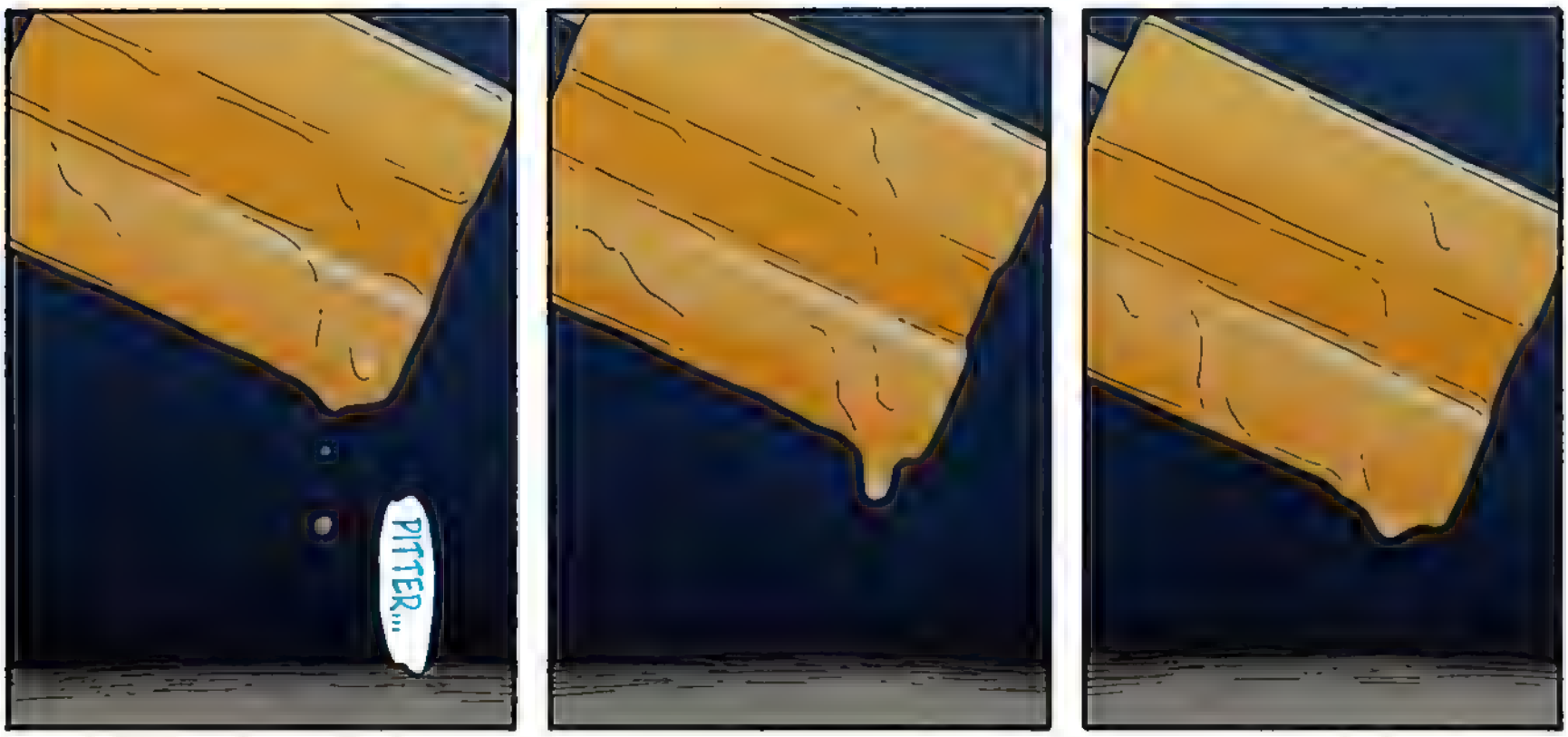
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NARUTO...

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...I HEAR ABOUT LORD JIRAIYA.

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BUT I ONLY ENDED UP SHOWING PERVY SAGE THE WORST, MOST UNCOOL SIDE OF ME...

I...

I... WANTED HIM TO KEEP WATCHING OVER ME...

...WANTED HIM TO SEE ME BECOME HOKAGE...

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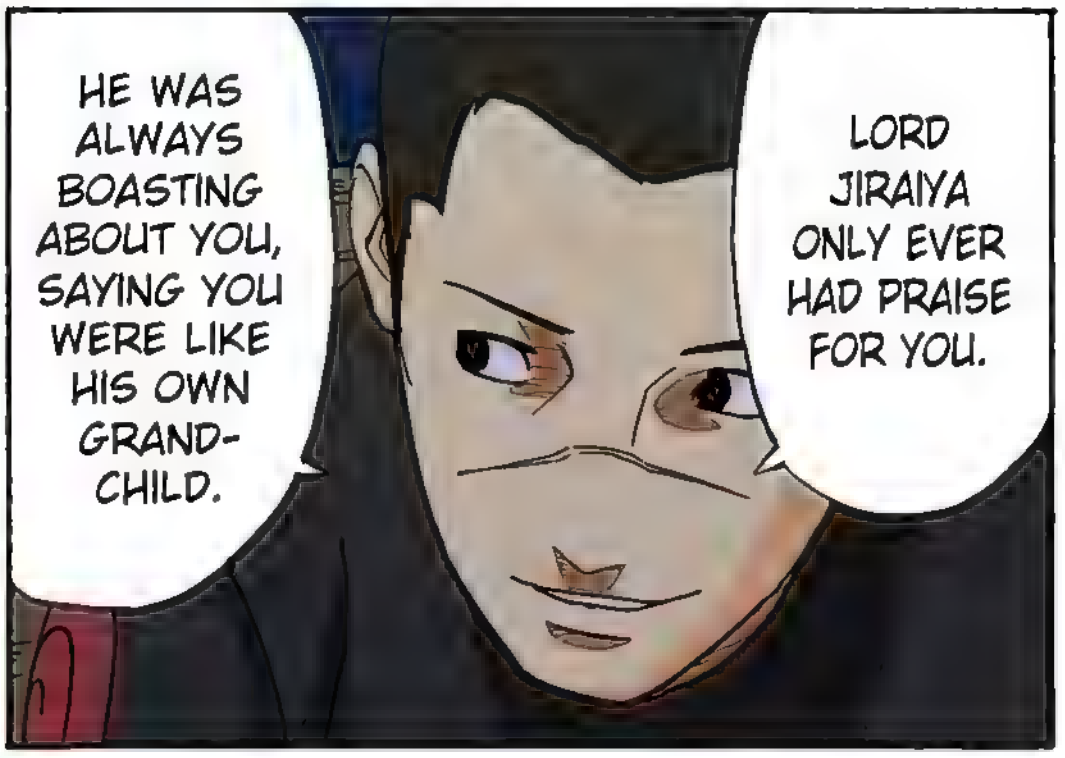
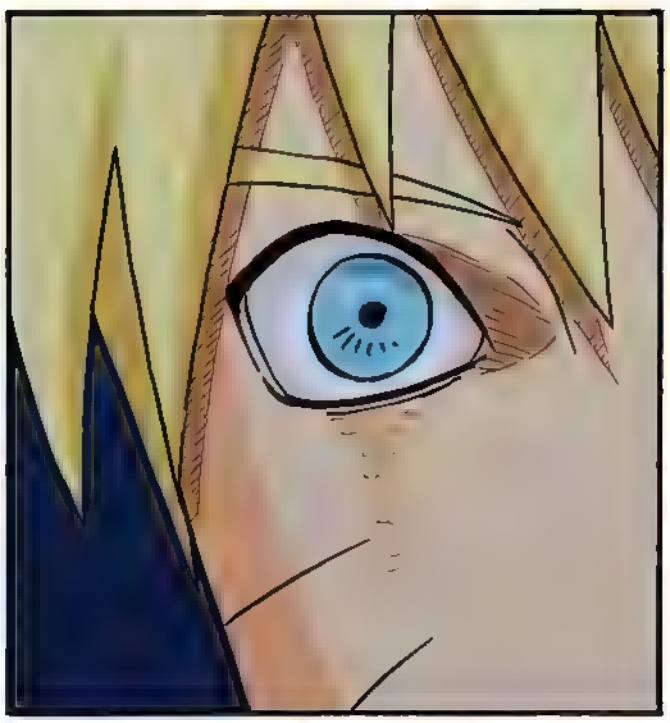
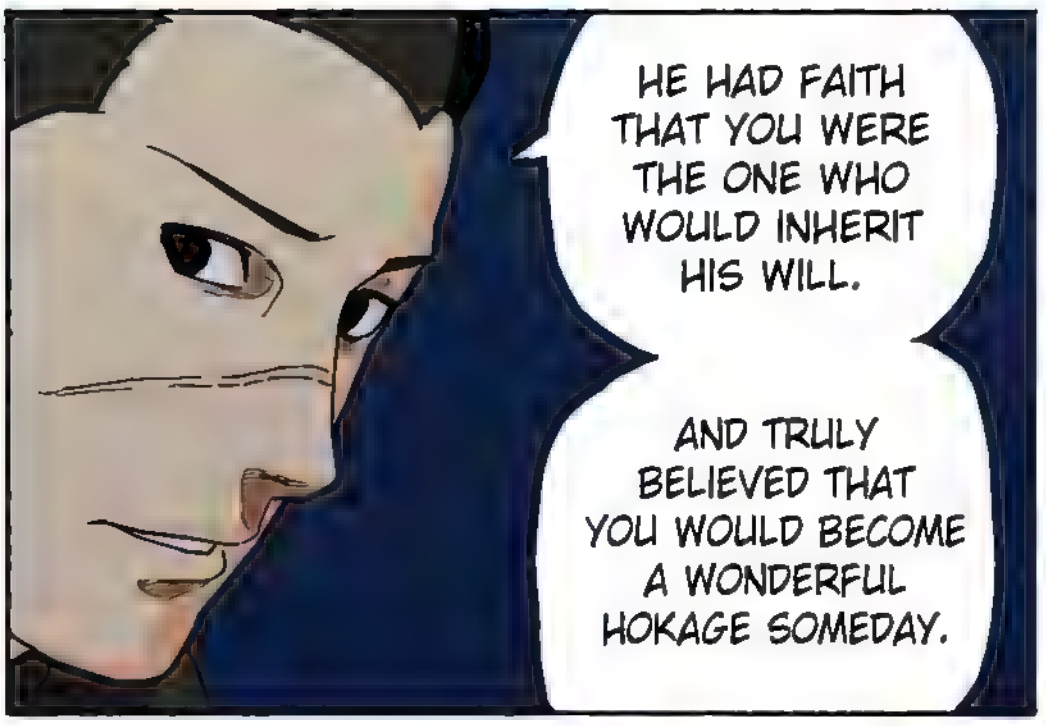
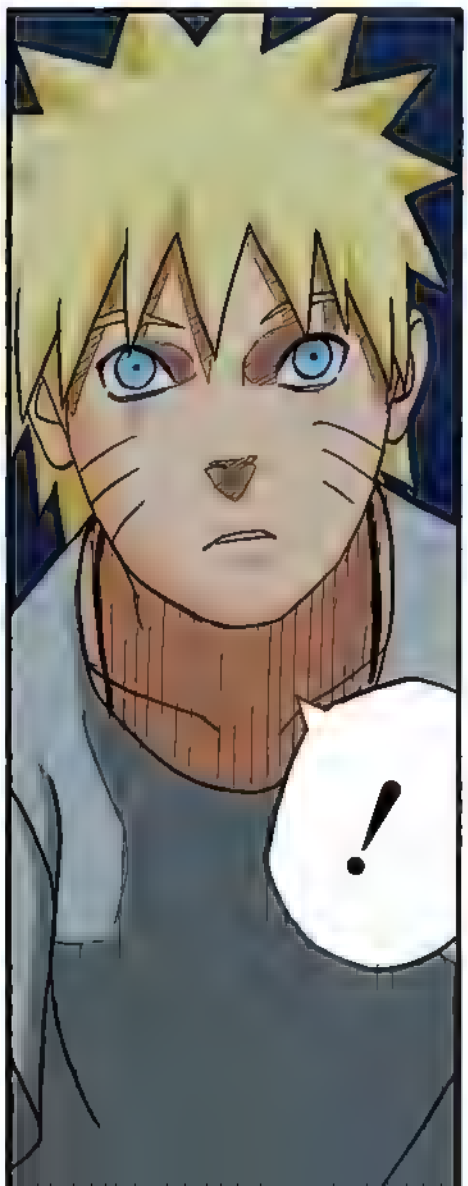

HE WAS ALWAYS BOASTING ABOUT YOU, SAYING YOU WERE LIKE HIS OWN GRAND-CHILD.
LORD JIRAIYA ONLY EVER HAD PRAISE FOR YOU.




HE HAD FAITH THAT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WOULD INHERIT HIS WILL.
AND TRULY BELIEVED THAT YOU WOULD BECOME A WONDERFUL HOKAGE SOMEDAY.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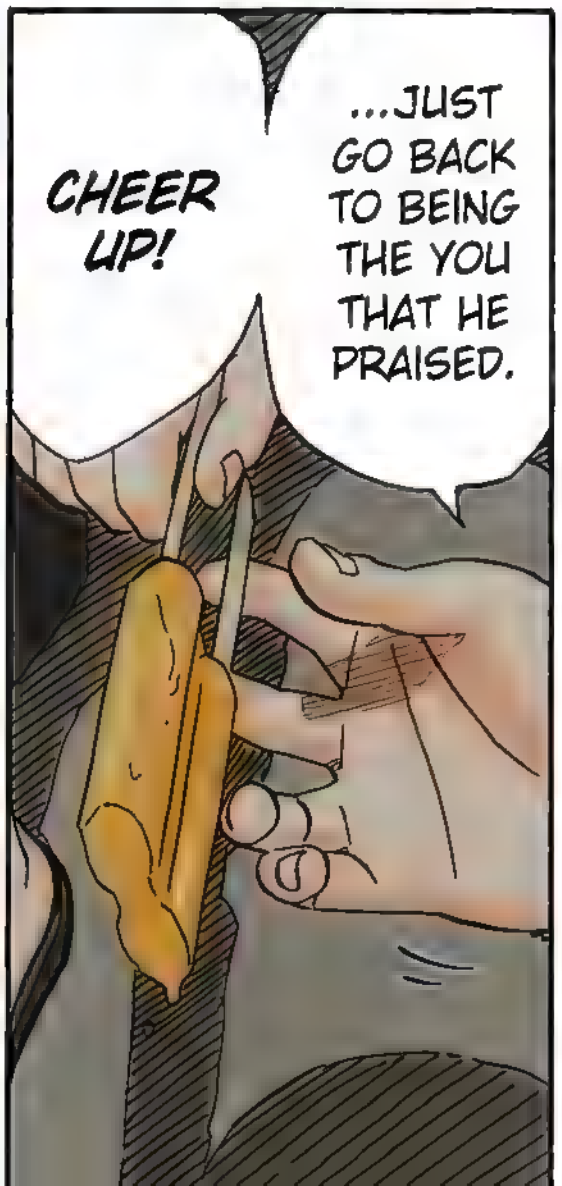
CHEER UP!
...JUST GO BACK TO BEING THE YOU THAT HE PRAISED.

HE WOULDN'T BE HAPPY SEEING YOU SO BLUE.
I BELIEVE LORD JIRAIYA IS STILL WATCHING OVER YOU...
...EVEN AT THIS VERY MINUTE, FROM SOME WHERE...
FSH
SO...

FOR YOU ARE A DISTINGUISHED STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGE BY LORD JIRAIYA OF THE PRODIGAL THREE THEMSELVES.

PTAK

.....

THANKS, IRUKA SENSEI...

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9,31,8
106,7
207,15

THE CIPHER CORPS FOLKS DON'T WORK THIS LATE...

HUH?! RIGHT NOW?

TAKE THAT OVER TO THEM RIGHT AWAY.

KLAK

KLAK

HEY... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I ACTUALLY CAME HERE ON OTHER...

I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE OF THE DECODING.

THEN SUMMON THEM AND TELL THEM IT'S ON MY ORDERS.

FSH

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SFX: KLOMP!

SHIKA-MARU!

LADY TSUNADE'S BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY ALL DAY.

BUT...

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SHIKA-MARU.

PLEASE.

WELL, SO HAVE...

KLAK...

KLAK

KLAK

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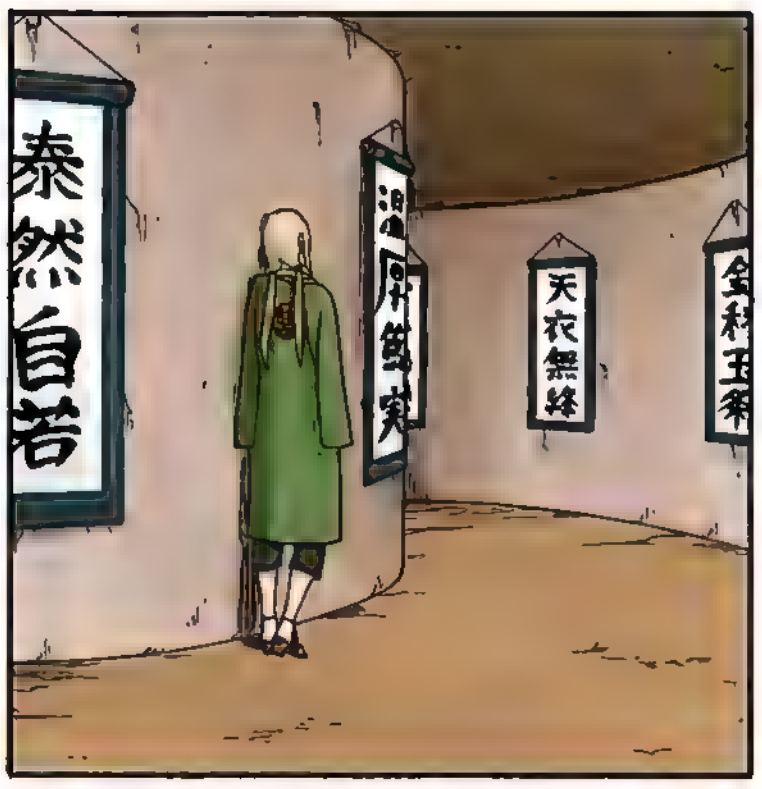


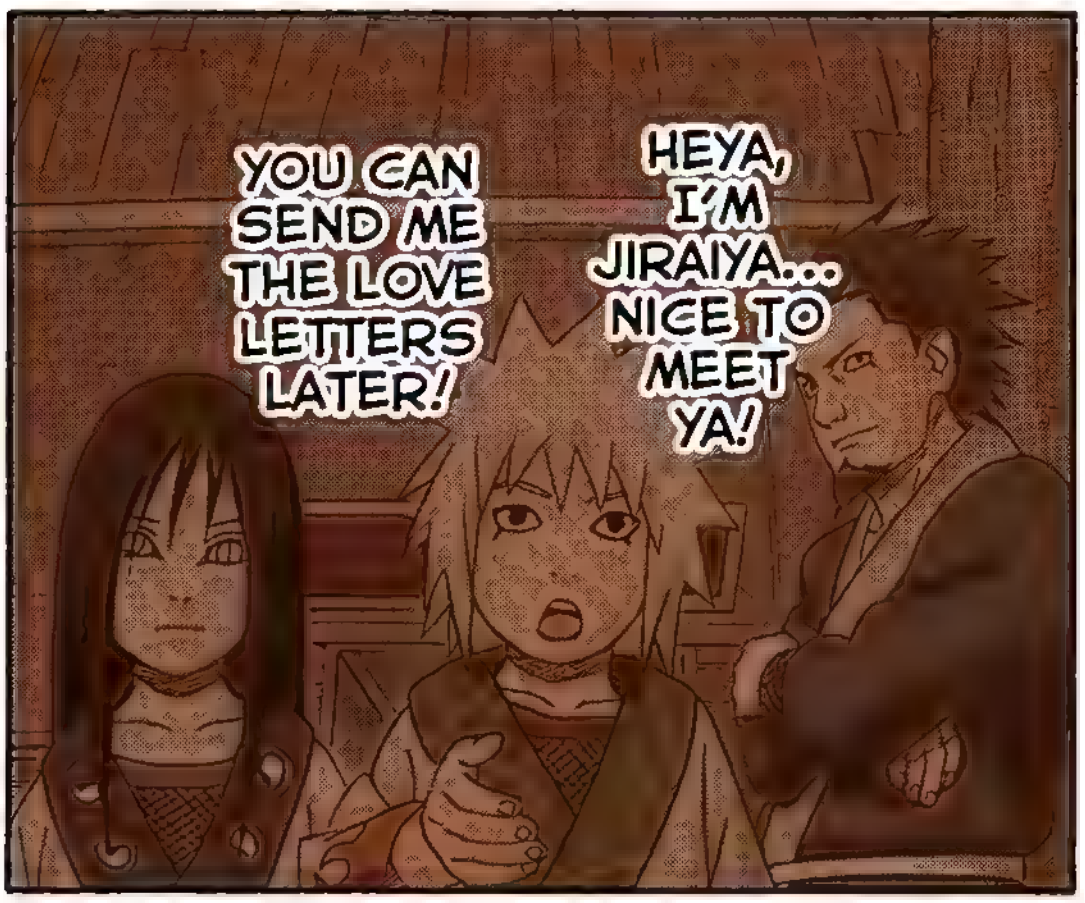

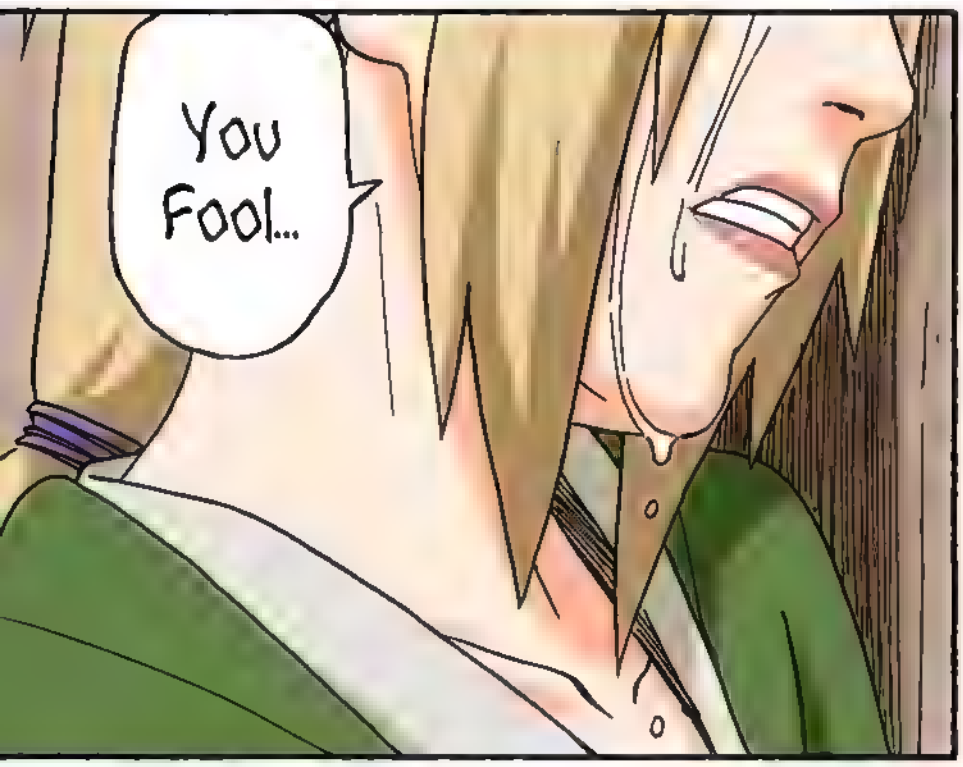

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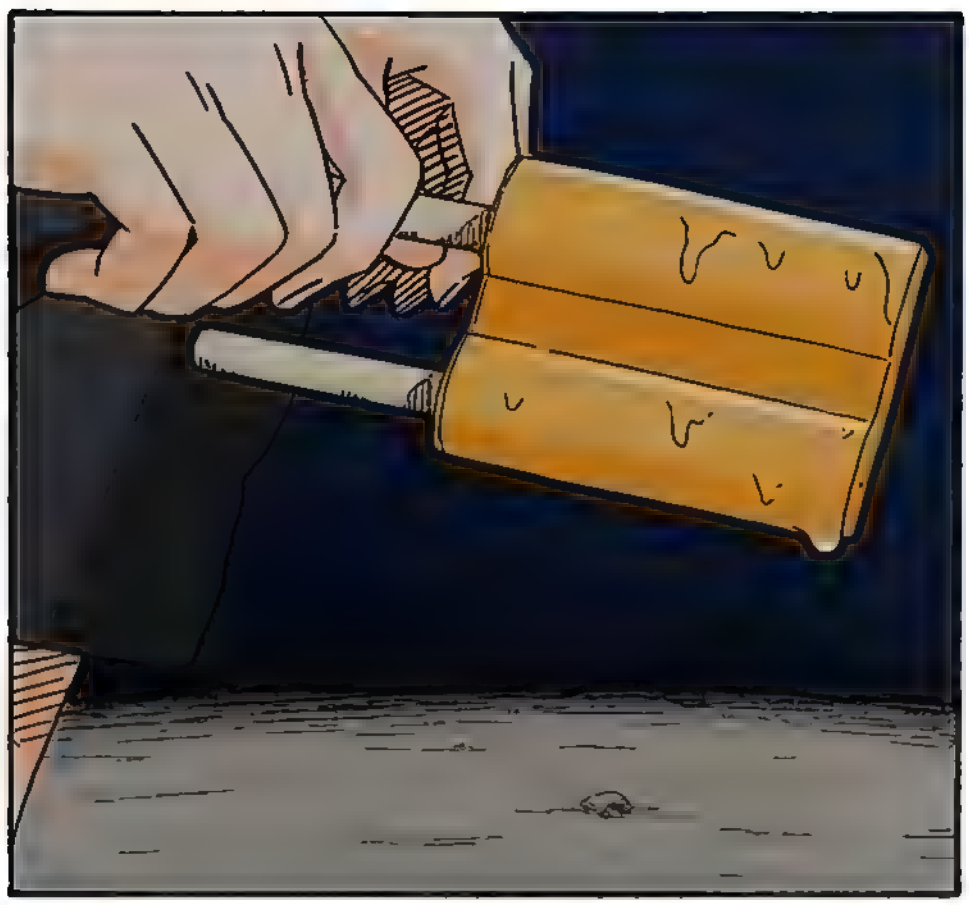

# CHAPTER 406: THE KEY TO THE FUTURE.

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THIS FROG SUPPOSEDLY CONTAINS A CAPTURED AMEGAKURE SHINOBI.

PLEASE RE-EXPAND.

YES, I RECEIVED PRIOR NOTICE FROM LORD JIRAIYA.

IT APPEARS HE NEVER INTENDED TO BATTLE PAIN.

IN THE BEGINNING, JIRAIYA-BOY'S ONLY GOAL WAS TO GATHER INTELLI-GENCE.

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...AND WITHOUT KNOWING THE EXTENT OF THEIR POWERS, NO ONE COULD EVER WIN AGAINST HIM NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THEY FOUGHT.

BUT PAIN'S ABILITES FAR EXCEEDED HIS IMAGINATION...

JIRAIYA-BOY PUSHED HIMSELF BEYOND HIS OWN LIMITS...

...AND ALMOST MANAGED TO UNCOVER THEIR SECRETS.

NO ONE BUT JIRAIYA-BOY COULD'VE GOTTEN AS FAR...

ON TOP OF THAT, HE COULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY IF HE HAD WANTED TO...

...BUT HE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE SO THAT HE COULD LEAVE US THIS CODED MESSAGE.

HE BEQUEATHED THE FUTURE TO ALL OF YOU.

BE AS ROUGH AS YOU NEED TO BE. GET IT ALL OUT OF HIM!

I INTEND TO.

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THIS IS ONE OF THE THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION SOURCES LORD JIRAIYA DELIVERED TO US.

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担当

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クマドリ

YES, MA'AM!

WE MUST DISCOVER ITS SECRETS NO MATTER WHAT.

TAP TAP

NOW LET US BEGIN.

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WELL?

HMM... THIS ISN'T IN ANY KONOHA CODE.

IT DOESN'T CORRESPOND TO ANY OF OUR ALGORITHMS.

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IT'S A STRING OF NUMBERS, SO IT HAS TO BE A SHARED KEY ENCRYPTION.

BUT CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT LORD JIRAIYA WROTE THIS IN A RUSH...

...I DON'T THINK IT COULD BE ANYTHING TOO COMPLEX.

AHEM!

CAN YOU DECODE IT?

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KEY?

KLIK

UNLESS WE KNOW WHAT THE KEY IS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

SO HOW DO WE DO THAT?

WE NEED TO DETERMINE THE SYSTEM LORD JIRAIYA USED TO CREATE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BASICALLY, WITHOUT KNOWING THE RULES THAT GOVERN THIS CODE, WE CANNOT DECODE IT...

ALTHOUGH GIVEN THE CIRCUM-STANCES OF HIS DEATH...

...IF HE CAME UP WITH IT HASTILY TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM DISCERNING HIS MESSAGE, THE CHANCES ARE VERY SLIMMER.

I WOULDN'T KNOW...

...BUT PERHAPS SOMEONE WHO WAS CLOSE TO HIM WOULD RECOGNIZE THE KEY.

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KATOK KATOK

IF I FIND ANYTHING OUT, I'LL BE BACK...

WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CONSIDER WHO HE MAY HAVE INTENDED THAT MESSAGE FOR...

ASK THEM, AND PERHAPS YOU'LL FIND SOME CLUES.

LADY FIFTH OR KAKASHI SENSEI...

THAT WOULD BE..

HMM...

SURE...

...BUT I'LL BE HOME IN BED, SO JUST COME BY THE HOUSE, OK?

KLUNK

Sfx: Ba-Dump!

SOMEONE'S GOTTA STAY BEHIND.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHIHO?

WELL... I'M HEADING HOME TO SLEEP.

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SHUP
SHUP

8...
106...7...
207...15

9...
31...

9,31,8
106,7
207,15

SKRITCH...

...

ANY OF THESE NUMBERS EVER COME UP IN A CONVER-SATION WITH LORD JIRAIYA...?

ANYTHING COME TO MIND?

YEAH?

THIS ONE, 106...

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IT'S 106.

WHAT IS?

LORD JIRAIYA?

106 CENTI-METERS.

.....

I'VE ALREADY ASKED LADY FIFTH.

SIGH... I GUESS THAT LEAVES NARUTO...

NOTHING'S COMING TO ME.

WHY DON'T YOU TRY ASKING LADY FIFTH OR MAYBE NARUTO NEXT?

NO...IT COULDN'T BE... .....

?

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NO PROMISES.

SO THANKS FOR CHECKING IN ON HIM.

ASIDE FROM THE CODE, I'M A TAD WORRIED ABOUT HIM...

Ding-Dong

Ding-Dong

GAH, HE'S OUT.

CAN I COME IN?

...OH. IT'S YOU, SHIKA-MARU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

!

KLAK...

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WELL? DOES IT SEEM FAMILIAR AT ALL?

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106,7
207,15

.....

!

YO NARUTO, YOU STILL WITH ME?

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FSH

ALRIGHT, COME ALONG WITH ME, OK?

WHERE TO?

OH- SORRY, SORRY!

WHAT WAS THAT AGAIN?

WH- WHAT ?!

JUST COME ON.

?

THERE SHE IS.

AH!

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HUH?!

MISS KURENAI ...?!

YEAH...

!

YIKES, YOU'RE STILL AS OBNOXIOUS AS EVER.

SHE'S PREGNANT, NOT FAT!

YOUR STOMACH'S BIGGER THAN CHOJI'S!!

YOU WERE HOSPITAL-IZES FOR EATING TOO MUCH BARBEQUE ?!!

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SHIKAMARU, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO STOP COMING HERE?

TH-THEN...

HUH?!

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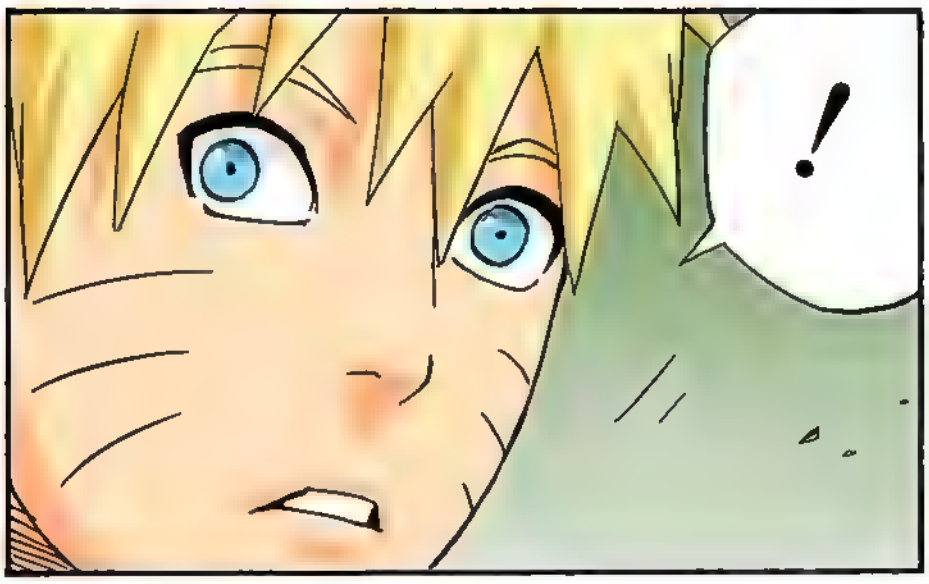


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ASUMA ENTRUSTED THAT CHILD TO ME.

HAVING LOST MY TEACHER TOO, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH.

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I HEARD ABOUT LORD JIRAIYA.

BUT WHINING AND SULKING ISN'T GOING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER.

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MY TEACHER IMPARTED TO ME A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE.

NOT JUST IMPORTANT THINGS, BUT WORTHLESS THINGS TOO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WE NO LONGER HAVE THE LUXURY TO GRIEF.

FSH

STEP UP TO WHAT?

SO I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR US TO STEP UP, NO?

AN INFINITE NUMBER OF PRICELESS THINGS.

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, RIGHT...?

...!

TO SWITCH FROM BEING THE IMPARTED AND BECOME THE IMPARTER.

IT'S A BOTHER, FOR SURE, BUT WE CAN'T KEEP COMPLAINING.

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IF WE WANNA BECOME ULTRA-COOL SHINOBI...

...LIKE ASUMA AND LORD JIRAIYA, THAT IS.

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY BE THE ONE PAYING FOR THE RAMEN...

...AND BE CALLED NARUTO SENSEI OR SOME SUCH.

WE CAN'T STAY SNOT-NOSED BRATS FOREVER.

SFX: TINK!

SO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, NARUTO...

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...CUZ YOU GOT WORK TO DO.

SFX: FSH!

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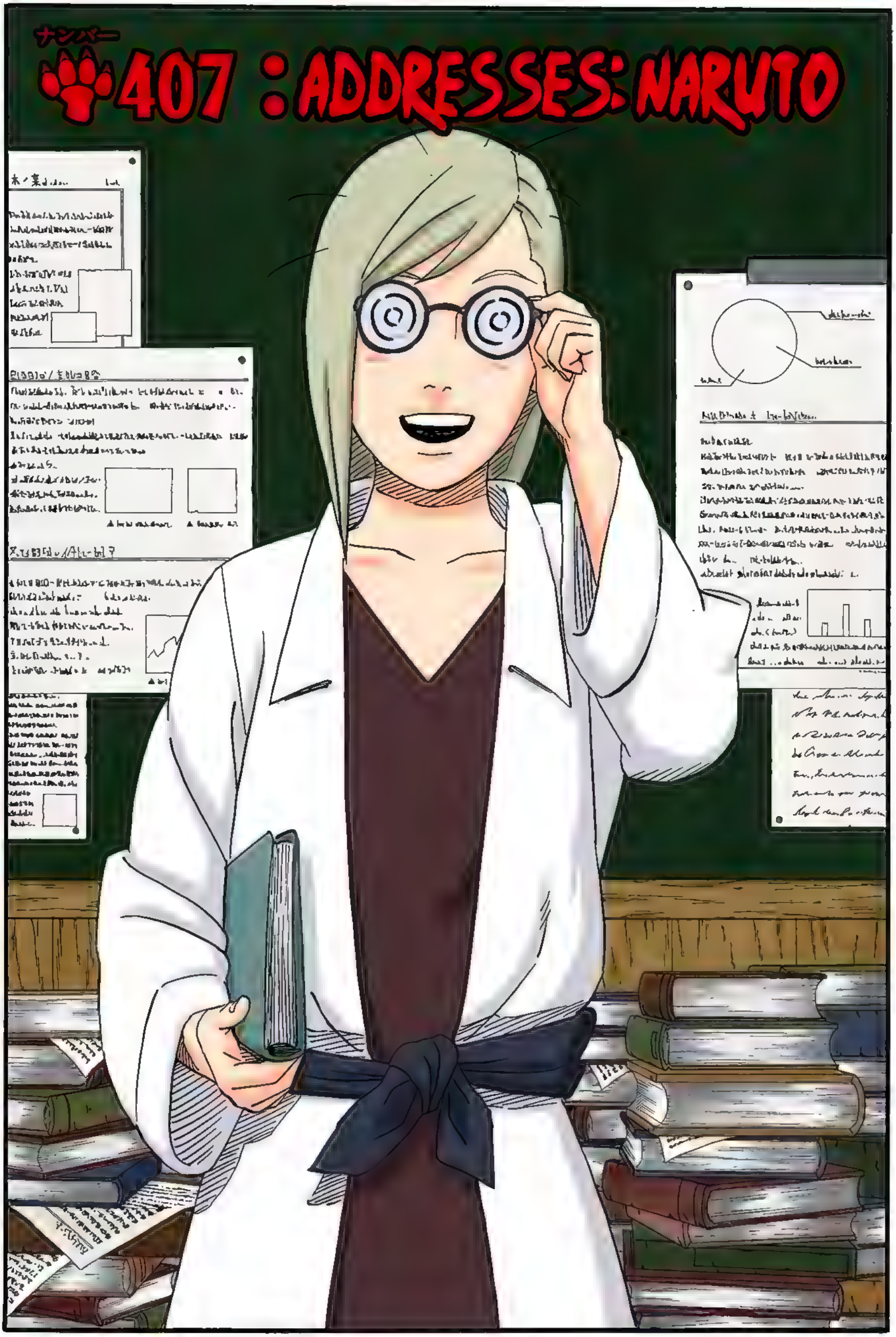

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YOU'VE BEEN QUIET FOR A WHILE.

YOU SEE SOMETHING, RIGHT?

HMM...

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106,7
207,15

SO I'M PRETTY SURE LORD JIRAIYA WROTE THIS MESSAGE WITH YOU IN MIND...

NO, I'M POSITIVE HE DID.

NEITHER LADY FIFTH OR KAKASHI SENSEI HAD ANY CLUE.

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THERE IS ONE THING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME SINCE THE BEGINNING...

WHAT IS IT?

WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO INSTANTLY DECODE THE MESSAGE.

PLEASE JUST SAY ANYTHING THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND...

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING HERE.

KATAKANA?

HUH?

WHY AMONG ALL THESE NUMBERS...

...IS THERE A SINGLE *KATAKANA* LETTER?

SFX: KLATTER!

SEE, RIGHT HERE.

WHERE?!

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THAT'S THE NUMBER 9, ISN'T IT?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

9,31,8

1,20,

IT'S THE KATAKANA LETTER, *TA.*

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST TOO...

...BUT IT'S NOT THE NUMBER NINE.

MAYBE ...

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HMM... NOW I KINDA SEE IT, BUT IT'S STILL A STRETCH.

HUH...

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AND SINCE I WAS TRAVELING WITH HIM, HE WOULD ALWAYS MAKE ME READ HIS HANDWRITTEN DRAFTS.

WELL, THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE TRAINING, PERVY SAGE WAS WRITING A BOOK...

...I MEAN, HE IS AN AUTHOR.

NARUTO ...

...WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS NINE IS THE LETTER *TA*?

...CUZ IT'D LOOK LIKE THE NUMBER NINE...

...THAT'S WHAT MADE ME THINK OF IT.

ANYWAY, EACH TIME HE USED *TA*, I'D STUMBLE OVER THE WORD.

EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE SUPER BORING...

HE'D WANT ME TO REVIEW THEM.

PENMANSHIP QUIRK, HUH...

SCRITCH SCRITCH

LIKE SO...

I SEE... IT'S A PEN-MANSHIP QUIRK!

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AND HIS SECOND STROKE WAS ROUNDED...

most folks

Lord Jiraiya

WHEN LORD JIRAIYA WROTE THE LETTER *TA*...

...HE HAD A HABIT OF DRAWING THE FIRST STROKE SHORTER THAN MOST, AND STARTED THE THIRD STROKE FROM THE TIP INSTEAD OF THE MIDDLE OF THE FIRST STROKE.

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106,7
207,15

...RESULTING IN HIS *TA* LOOKING LIKE A 9.

Lord Jiraiya

SQUIK

WHY DIDN'T YOU MENTION SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING SOONER?

BECAUSE JUST CUZ WE KNOW IT'S A *TA* DOESN'T MAKE THE REST ANY CLEARER!

KLIK...

SO THAT WAS THE COMMON LINK...

...BETWEEN LORD JIRAIYA AND NARUTO!

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NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

IT'S GOT TO BE THAT BOOK YOU MENTIONED, OR SOME SUCH!

.....

IT'S GOT TO BE RELATED TO THE ENCRYPTION KEY!

THE NUMBERS IN THE CODE PROBABLY REPRESENT A WORD ORDER OF NUMBERS OF LINES... OR EVEN PAGE NUMBERS.

I BELIEVE MORE CLUES MUST BE HIDDEN INSIDE LORD JIRAIYA'S BOOKS TOO!

TH-THAT'S RIGHT, SHIKA-MARU!

THEN LET'S JUST CHECK ALL OF THEM.

OH!

OKAY, HOW MANY BOOKS DID LORD JIRAIYA PUBLISH?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT I THINK FOUR OR FIVE...?

UH... UMM...

NARUTO, CAN YOU THINK OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LETTER TA AND LORD JIRAIYA'S BOOKS?

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MAKE-OUT TACTICS

TA

SHOOP

MAKE-OUT TACTICS

I THINK IT'S THIS ONE.

KAKASHI SENSEI!

TA FOR TACTICS!

MAKE-OUT TACTICS ...

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イチャイチャ
タクティクス

I THINK I CAUGHT MOST OF IT.

IT'S BEEN ON MY MIND, SO I DECIDED TO POP IN WHEN I OVERHEARD YOUR VOICES.

JUST AS I THOUGHT, LORD JIRAIYA DID PASS ON THE KEY TO NARUTO.

IT'S SOMETHING ONLY NARUTO WOULD HAVE KNOWN.

THAT'S...

...THE SAME BOOK PERVY SAGE WAS WORKING ON DURING OUR TRAINING!

SO THE FIRST PART OF THE CODE, ***TA***...

...POINTS AT TACTICS, ONE OF SEVERAL VOLUMES OF THE MAKE-OUT SERIES.

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9,31,8
106,7
207,15

...WHICH MAKES IT SIX PAGES TOTAL...

IN THIS CASE, WE'RE LOOKING AT *31,8,106,7... 207 AND 15...*

...THE FIRST LINE OF INVESTIGATION IS ALWAYS PAGE NUMBERS.

WE CAN LOOK AT WORD AND LINE ORDER, BUT WHEN A CODE INVOLVES A BOOK...

HERE WE GO.

*NOW WHAT?*

PAGE 31, RIGHT?

*PRRLLD*

FLIP TO THAT PAGE, PLEASE.

LET'S START WITH PAGE 31.

PLEASE READ THE SENTENCE OUT LOUD.

FIRST, WE LOOK AT WHAT THE FIRST LETTER OR WORD ON THAT PAGE IS.

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EH...?!

本当に愛してる？その証拠
だから、私はその証拠
暗くなってからなん
さあ早く私の所へ、
これ一度っきりで
おれはなんでもす
君のホルモンが、
一時間は誰も入
ても君の

UH...
ER...

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?!

JUST HURRY UP AND READ IT, WILL YA?!

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Ah...Al-
Alright...

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P31 本当に愛してる 持ち

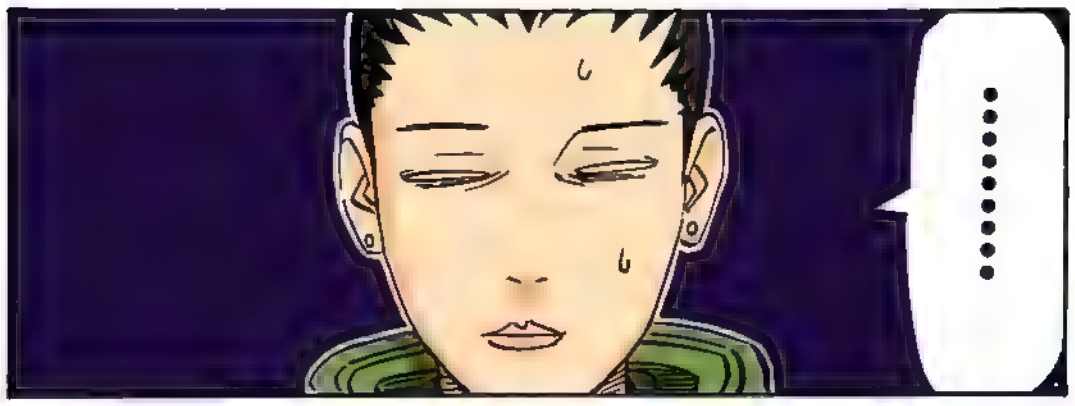
P8 物々交換と同じだ、それでも君

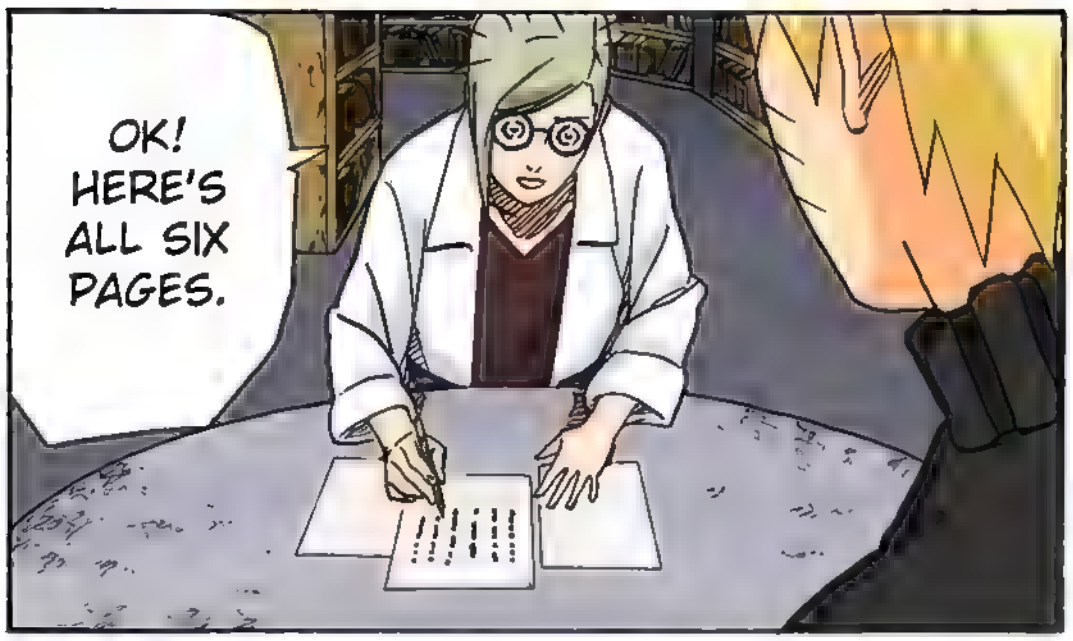
P106 葉が邪魔だな……もう君という

P7 意外に大きいのね、アナタの

P207 無理そんなの……それじゃ私の

P15 椅子がギシギシと音を立て、い



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STRINGING TOGETHER THE FIRST LETTER OR WORD FROM EACH OF THE PAGES IN THE CODE...

SFX: FSH!

WELL?

...GIVE US HON-MONO-WA-I-NA-I... "THE REAL ONE'S NOT AMONG THEM."

P31 本当に愛してる？アナタ

P8 物々交換と同じだ、それでき

P106 葉が邪魔だな……もう君と

P7 意外に大きいのね、アナ

P207 無理そんなの……それ

P15 椅子がギシギシと音を

AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

……

……

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SO WE ASK LADY FIFTH TO SUMMON THIS LORD FUKASAKU, RIGHT?

PERHAPS IT WILL MEAN SOMETHING TO HIM, SINCE HE FOUGHT PAIN TOO.

WE OUGHT TO REPLAY THIS TO LORD FUKASAKU RIGHT AWAY.

SURE, THAT'D BE GREAT, SHIHO.

KATOK

MAY I COME ALONG TOO?

ALL RIGHT!

LET'S GO LET GRANNY KNOW!

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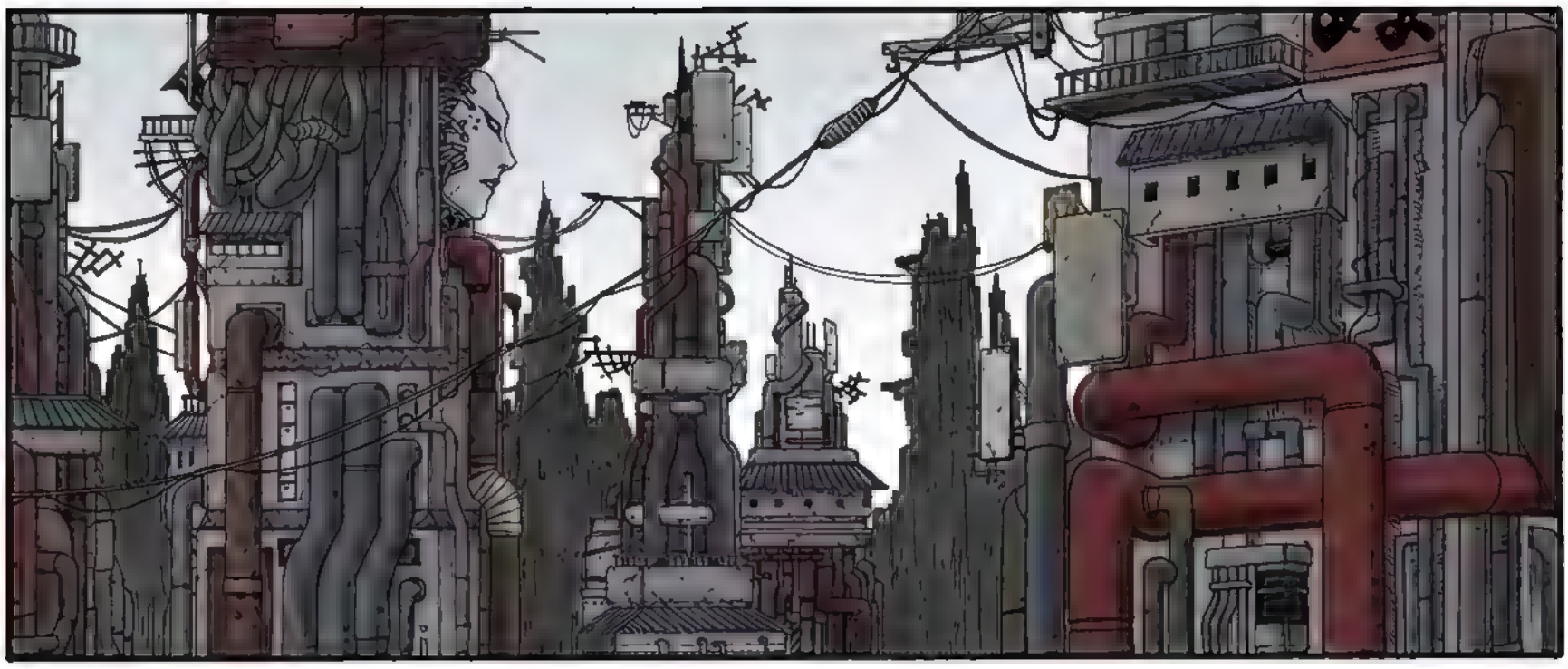

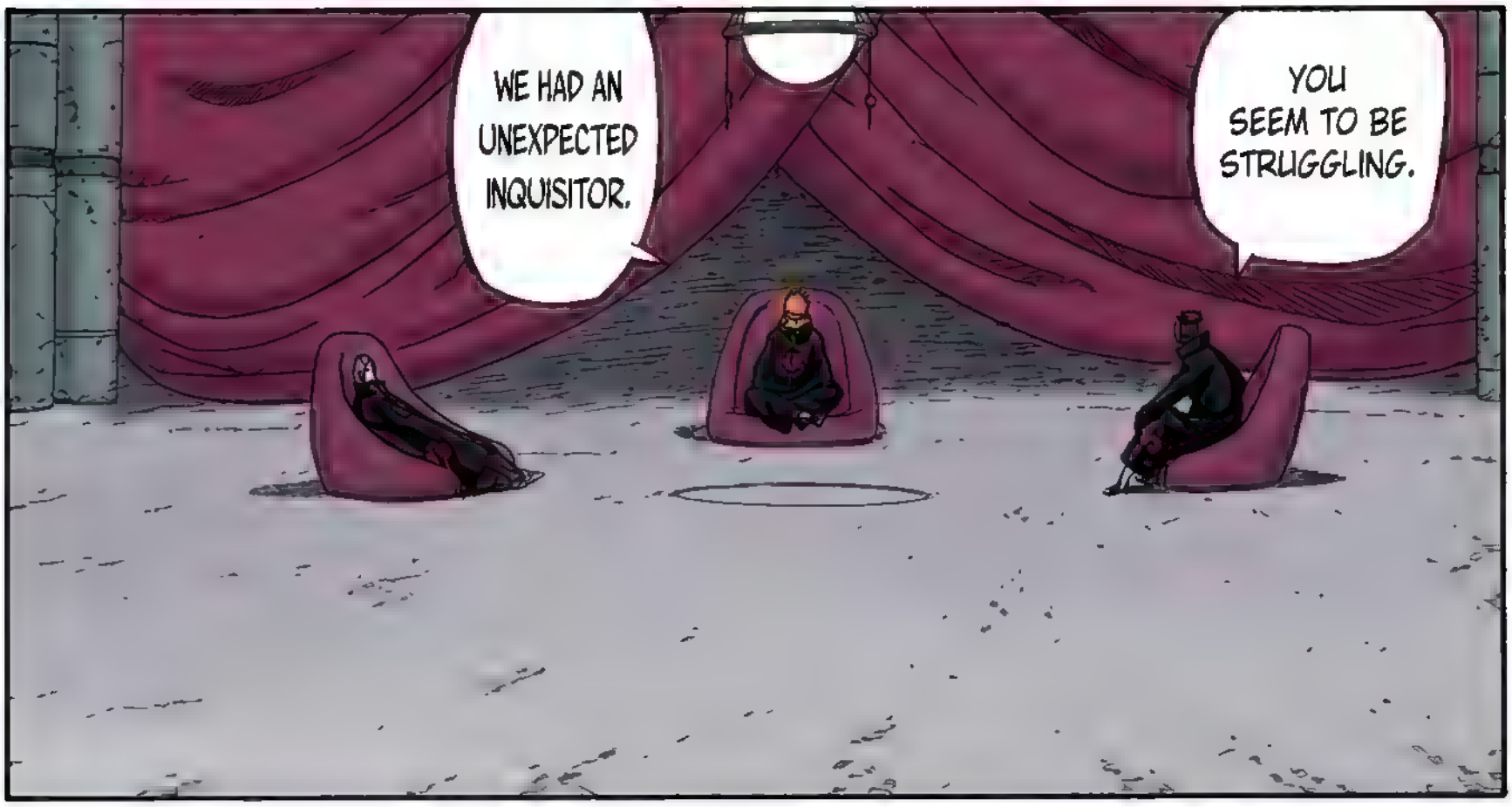











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NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE WILL CAPTURE THE NINE TAILS.

PAIN IS INVINCIBLE ...

THE MORE TIME PASSES, THE MORE LIKELY THEY'LL SET SOME PLAN IN MOTION...

...SO GO NOW, BEFORE IT BECOMES DIFFICULT.

SHUP...

BECAUSE YOU MANAGED TO KILL JIRAIYA, KONOHA WILL SET THEIR EYES ON YOU.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

I HAVE SENT SASUKE AFTER THE EIGHT TAILS.

...THERE ARE ONLY TWO TAILED BEASTS LEFT.

FSH

I WILL VOUCH FOR SASUKE.

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KONAN, GET THINGS READY...

SHUP

...WE'RE HEADING OUT TO KONOHA.

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# CHAPTER 408: FUKASAKU'S PROPOSITON

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ZWOOP

!?

ガシャーン

UGH!

SFX: KASHING!

UNH...!

KRNNCH

SFX: SPLACH!

WE'RE NOT GOING TO TELL THE LIKES OF YOU... ANYTHING...!

DON'T YOU DARE UNDER-ESTIMATE OUR CLAN...

SO WHERE'S THIS EIGHT TAILS AT, EH?

UGH!

SNNNGH

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KRUNCH

A FEARFUL HEART IS MORE LIKELY TO CRACK.

THAT'S-

WE OF THE YOTSUKI CLAN...WILL NEVER BETRAY ONE OF OUR OWN!

!?

SFX: SHKEEN!

FZMP!

SFX: FZMP!

LET GO, SUIGETSU. HE'S UNDER SASUKE'S GENJUTSU ALREADY.

GIVE US THE EIGHT TAILS' LOCATION.

SPLICH

GAH... I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE FUN PART.

FSH

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ANY DISTIN-GUISHING FEATURES ?

HE'S TRAINING ...

...IN STORM CLOUD... RAVINE.

...HAD THE WORD STEEL TATTOOED ON HIS RIGHT SHOULDER... AND BULL HORNS TATTOOED ON HIS LEFT CHEEK...

...HE WIELDS... EIGHT BLADES...

SFX: KLUNK

SFX: WRRBLE!

FRRLLP

THUD

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LET'S GO.

I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP MYSELF UNDER CONTROL IN THIS PLACE. I FEEL SO CALM HERE.

MY MY... SASUKE'S GOTTEN EVEN MORE COOLER.

TEE HEE

THOSE EYES OF HIS HAVE IMPROVED, MAKING HIM EVEN MORE ANNOYING.

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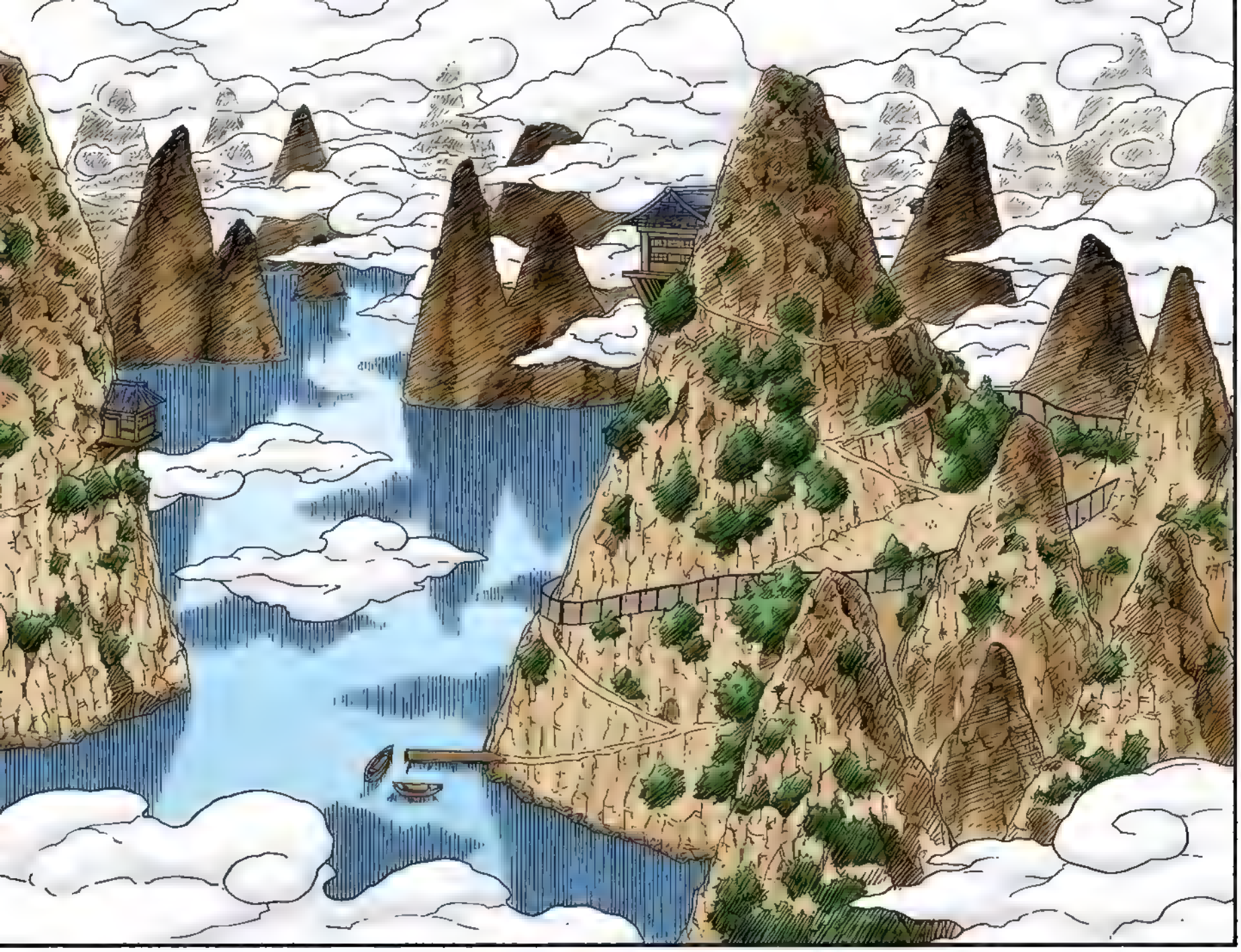

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THE-REAL-ONE'S-NOT-AMONG-'EM...HUH.

本物葉意無椅

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WELL, GEEZER SAGE?!

DOES IT MAKE ANY SENSE?!

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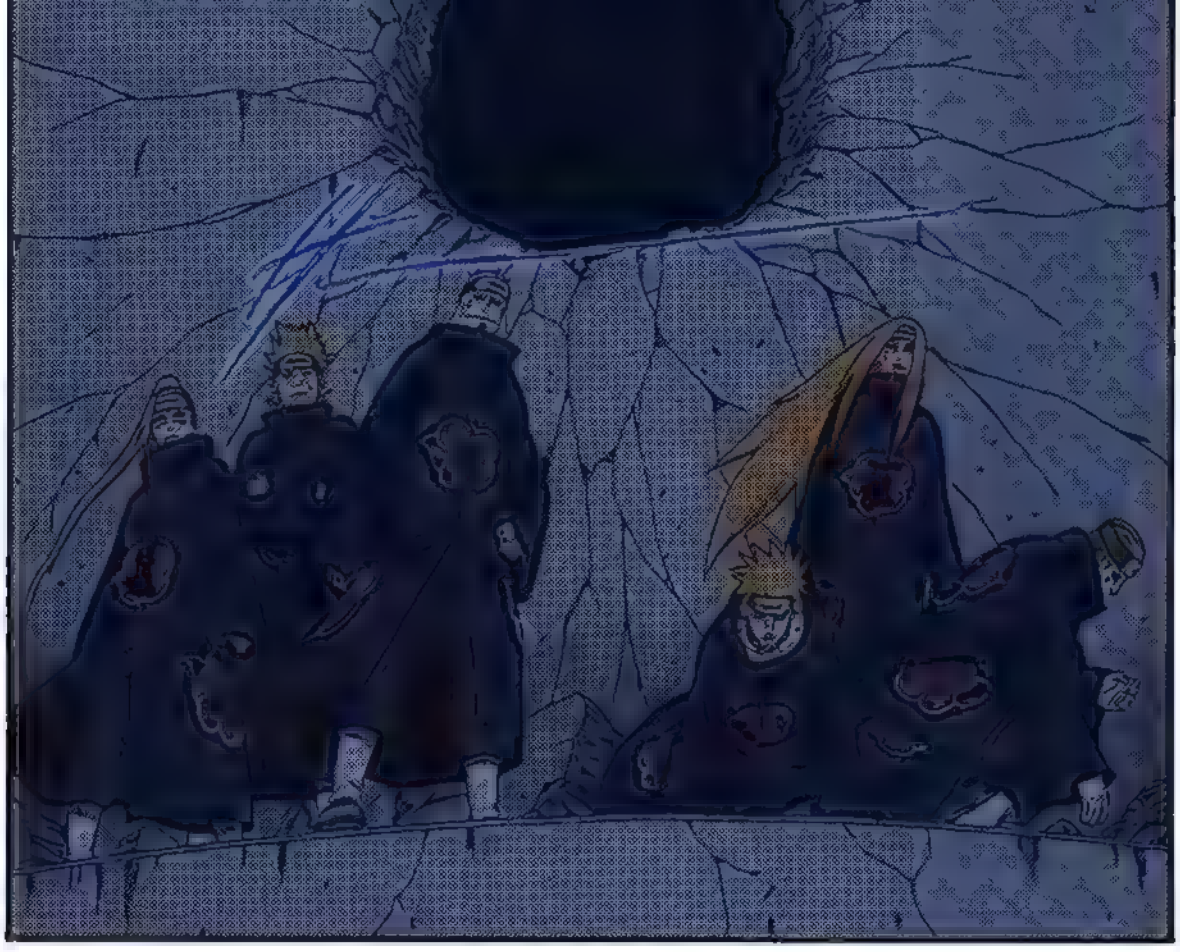

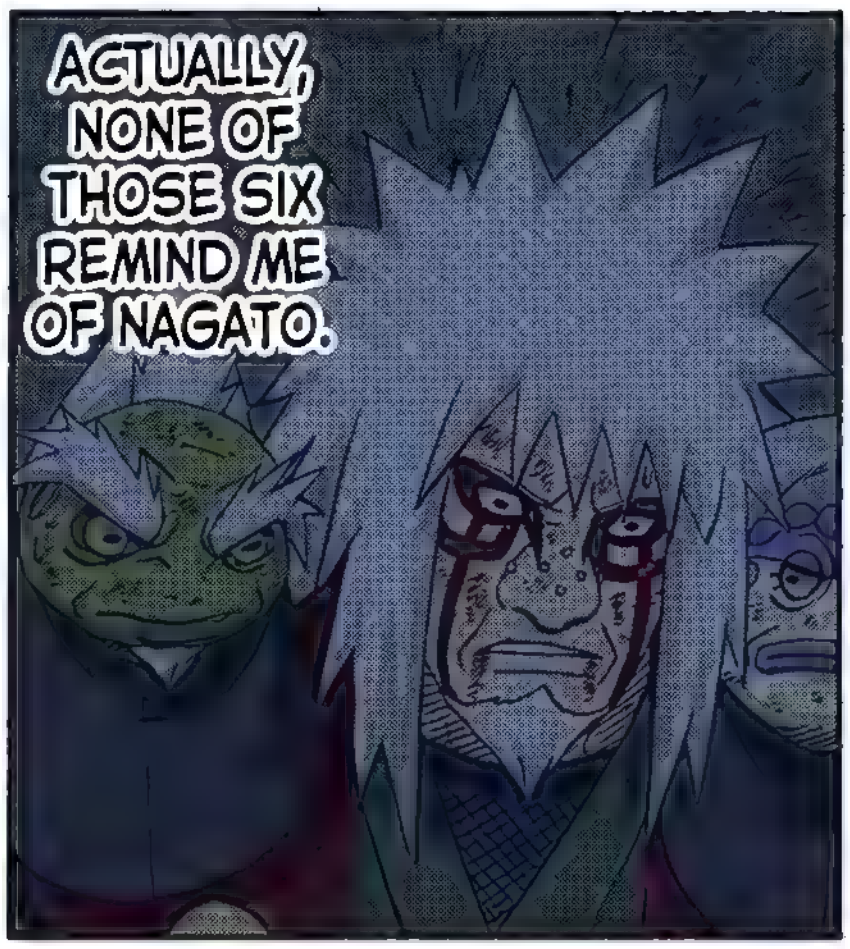

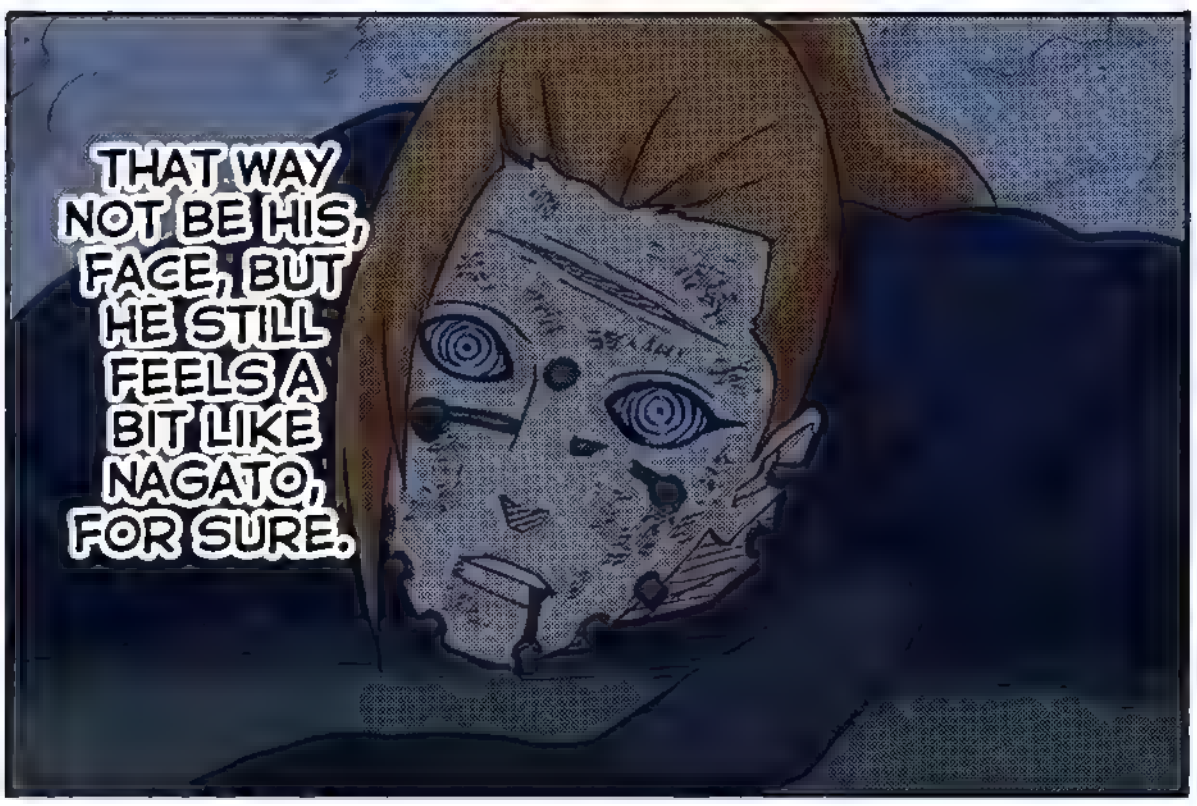


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SO...

...YOU DO HAVE SOME HYPOTHESES, THOUGH?

IT'S STILL TOO UNCLEAR.

I'M NOT SURE...

UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, IT'S STILL MIGHTY DANGEROUS TO TAKE PAIN ON.

WE MUST UNCOVER ALL HIS SECRETS FIRST.

I'VE ALREADY TOLD YA, EVEYTHING I KNOW ABOUT PAIN...

...HE SEEMS ABLE TO COME BACK FROM THE DEAD...SO I HESITATE TO GIVE YA MERE CONJECTURE.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

THEY'RE BOTH GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME YET.

HOW ARE THE OTHER INVESTIGA-TIONS GOING?

THE AUTOPSY AND THE INTER-ROGATION ...

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

WHAT ARE YOU GOOFIN' AROUND FOR?! WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

I DON'T THINK THEY EVEN KNOW.

IT'LL BE A WEEK AT THE SOONEST.

*IT JUST TAKES TIMES!*

*NEVER MIND THE INTERRO-GATION...*

*...A FULL AUTOPSY REQUIRES DETAILED ANALYSES OF CELLS AND TISSUES AND STUDYING EXTRACTED ENZYMES-IT'S NOT JUST DISSECTIONS!*

**SFX: SHRUUMP!**

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO, LADY FIFTH...?

NOW NARUTO, DON'T GET SO GLUM.

That long..?

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NARUTO!!

IF YOU BOTHER MASTER SHIZUNE, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!!

I'M GOING TO GO MAKE THEM RUSH!

SHIZUNE'S HEADING UP THE AUTOPSY ...

...SO IT SHOULD BE QUICKER THAN USUAL.

WE WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.

...!

I WILL AVENGE PERVY SAGE!

...NOW THAT WE'VE DECIPHERED THIS HERE CODE, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE GOING ON THAT INVOLVES YOU RIGHT NOW, YOU HEAR ME?

NARUTO-BOY...

.....

I JUST CAN'T SIT AROUND DOING NOTHING!

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N'EITHER WAY, YOUR DEFINITELY NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT PAIN YET.

!?

...SO WHAT ABOUT IT?!

?

SO... COME ALONG WITH ME.

THE SAME WAY I HAMMERED IT INTO JIRAIYA-BOY, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU.

I'LL TRAIN YOU IN SAGE JUTSU AT MOUNT MYOBOKU.

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WILL IT LET ME WIN AGAINST PAIN?!

SFX: VWEENT!

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THAT I CAN'T GUARAN-TEE.

BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU AIN'T GOT A CHANCE AT ALL.

YOU UP FOR IT?

I'M WARNING YOU RIGHT NOW, SAGE JUTSU TRAINING IS UN-BELIEVABLY RIGOROUS!

NARUTO, GO GET TRAINED.

OF COURSE ...

YOU ALL RIGHT, WITH IT, TSUNADE ?

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IF PERVY SAGE WAS ABLE TO MASTER IT...

THEN I'M GOING TO GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT TOO!

I'M IN!!

NICELY SAID!

A BE-QUEATHED STUDENT... THE CHILD OF PROPHECY PERHAPS.

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SFX:...OOOWF!

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OW, MY SIGHT... LIGHT TOO BRIGHT.

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NOON ALREADY?! NO, FOOL, YA FOOL!

SFX: KRUNCH!

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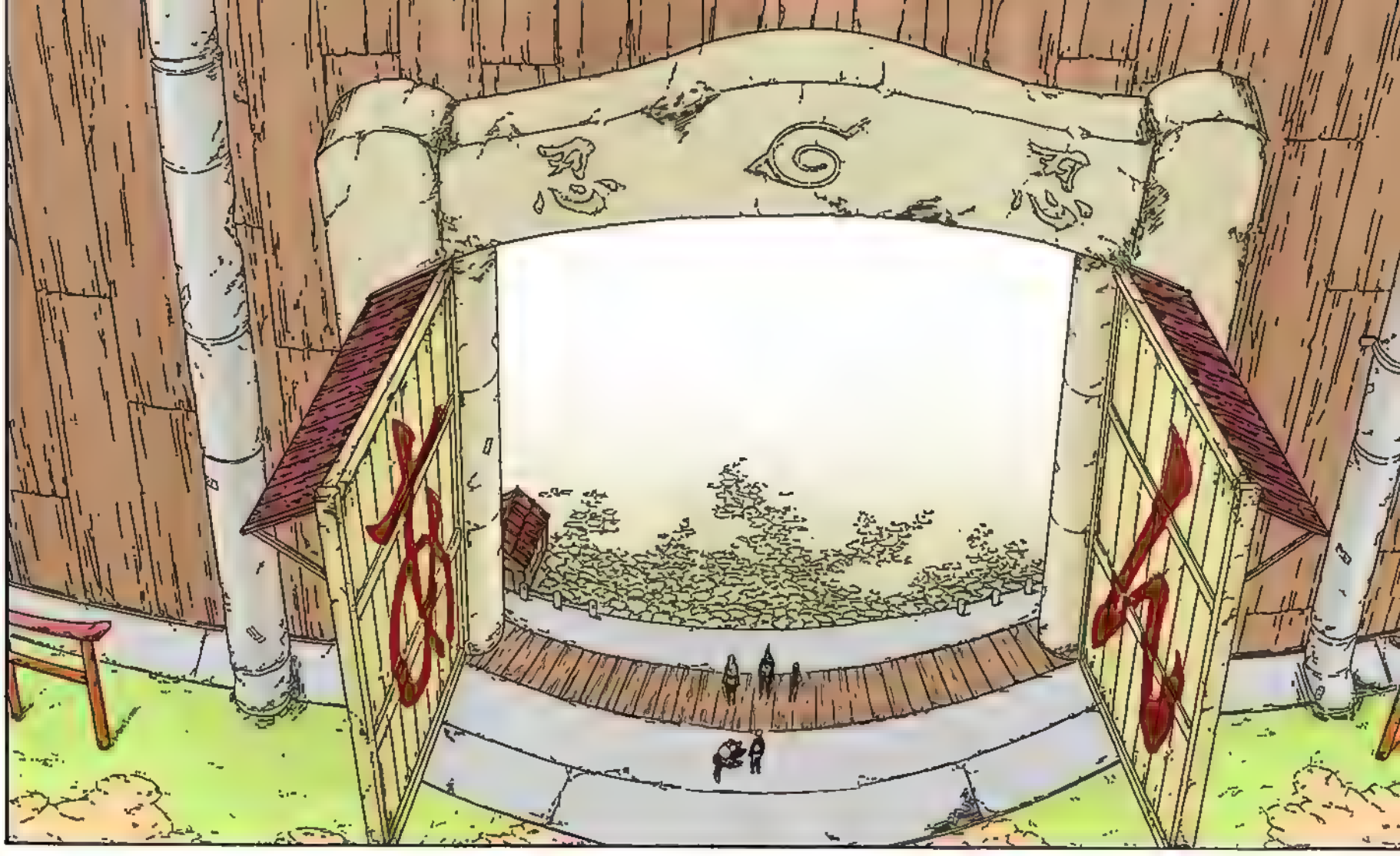

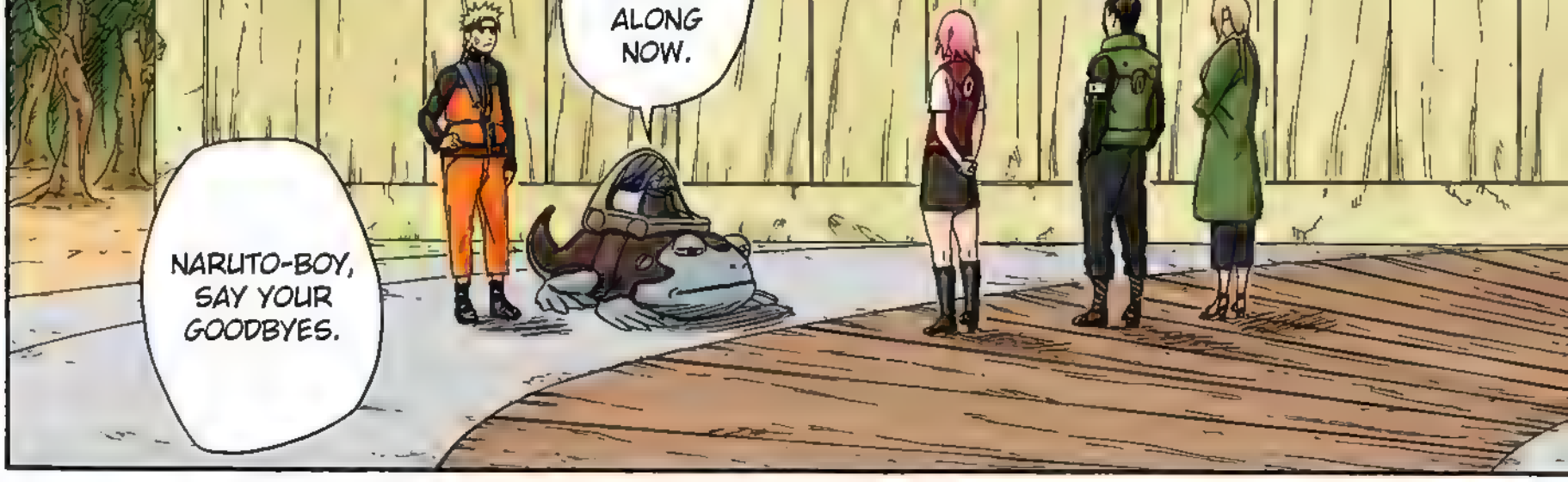


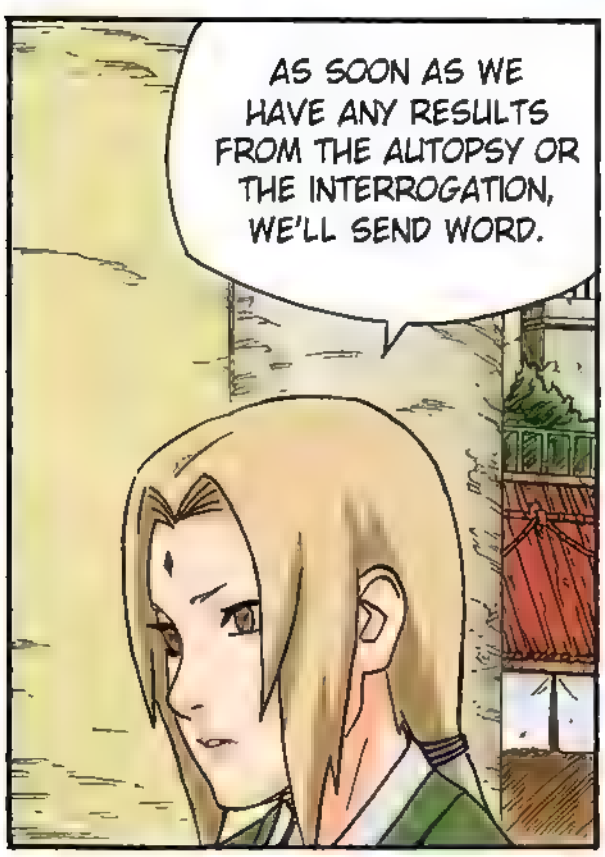


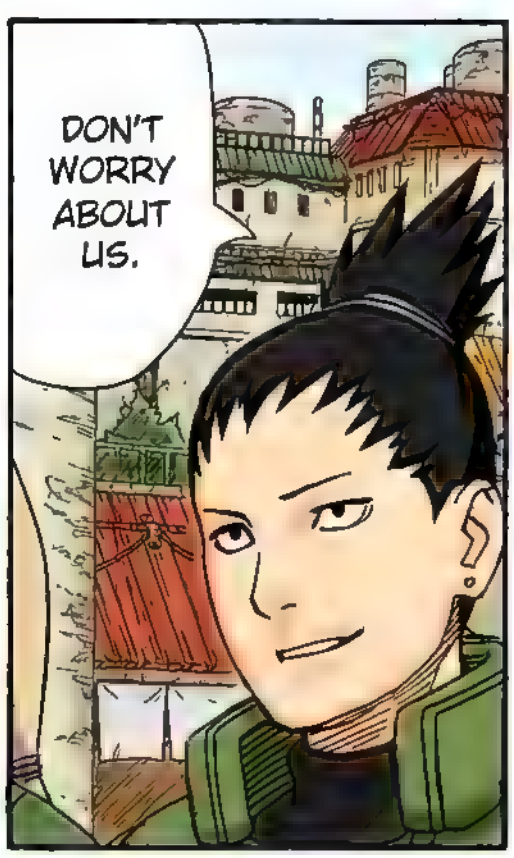

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YUP!

GOOD LUCK, NARUTO!

KRRNCH

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, SEND HIM BACK.

I'LL LEAVE A MESSENGER FROG WITH YOU.

YES, SIR.

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!

FFT

SFX: TIKRAK!

ER... WHICH WAY IS MOUNT, MYOBOKU, AGAIN?

SYYZL

.....

.....

SHUP

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IT'S REALLY THAT HARD TO GET THERE?

AND AS IT'S ALSO KNOWN AS A MAZE MOUNTAIN...

...IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE SECRET ROUTE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THERE.

IT TAKES A MONTH TO GET THERE ON FOOT.

SFX: SHRUUMP...

NARUTO-BOY... YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED A BINDING CONTRACT WITH US TOADS.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.

SFX: BOOF!

WE ARE IN YOUR DEBT.

SFX: BOOF!

WELL THEN, I'LL BE BORROWING THAT BOY.

THAT'S ...!

OH!

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SFX: BOOF!

BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THERE'S NO NEE-

WOW ...

IT'S A REVERSE SUMMONING.

WHA-?

HE DIS-APPEARED!

SFX: BOOF!

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR END TOO.

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YES MA'AM!

ROGER.

OKAY, LET'S GO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO DECIPHERING JIRAIYA'S OTHER BEQUESTS.

SFX: WHOOSH...

...IT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO ENABLE HIM TO EVENTUALLY LEAVE THE ENCRYPTED MESSAGE.

THE FACT THAT FUKASAKU PROPHESIED JIRAIYA WRITING THOSE BOOKS...

IN WHICH CASE UZUMAKI NARUTO...

WHICH MEANS THOSE VISIONS MAY ALL BE REAL...

SFX: PitteR!

...TRULY IS THE CHILD OF PROPHECY...

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DESTROY ANY SHINOBI THAT WILL INTERFERE.

OUR GOAL IS THE NINE TAILS.

ALL IS READY.

!?

SFX: VOOSH!

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NARUTO.

GAMA-KICHI.

WHAT THE?

SFX: BOOF!

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?

FIRST, LET'S A FILL OUR STOMACHS BEFORE WE START TRAINING. COME ALONG.

...I SEE.

HUH, NEAT.

YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE I SUMMONED YOU.

I PUT EXTRA EFFORT INTO MAKIN' THIS MEAL!

NOW, EAT YOUR FILL!

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TOK TOK TOK...

UGH...

THE FIRST THING I AM GONNA TEACH YOU...

...IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NINJUTSU AND SAGE JUTSU.

Y-YES SIR!

WE GOT NO TIME FOR YOU TO BE NAUSEOUS!

YOUR TRAINING STARTS NOW.

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...SAGE JUTSU INVOLVES TAKING IN OUTSIDE ENERGY FOR YOUR OWN USE.

THAT'S RIGHT...

AS OPPOSED TO NINJUTSU, WHERE YOU UTILIZE YOUR OWN INTERNAL ENERGY...

SAGE JUTSU?

...BUT ONE PERFORMS NINJUTSU BY MANIPULATING CHAKRA CREATED FROM MIXING ONE'S MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ENERGIES.

SAGE

MENTAL

PHYSICAL

MM...

...I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THIS, ALREADY NARUTO-BOY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OUT-SIDE ...?

...AND EVEN YOUR TAIJUTSU GETTING A REAL POWER BOOST.

AND THAT LEADS TO ALL YOUR NINJUTSU, GENJUTSU ...

...AND ADDING TO IT, THE NATURE ENERGY FROM THE OUTSIDE...

...RESULTING IN AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL CHAKRA.

SAGE JUTSU INVOLVES TAKING THAT INTERNALLY GENERATED CHAKRA...

SAGE

MENTAL

PHYSICAL

NATURE

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JUTSU BORN FROM THE CHAKRA CREATED BY THESE THREE ENERGIES MIXED...

...IS WHAT'S KNOWN AS SAGE JUTSU.

Dung

MENTAL ENERGY AND PHYSICAL ENERGY FROM INSIDE YOU...

...AND NATURE ENERGY FROM THE OUTSIDE.

*QUIT CONFUSING HIM MORE, GAMAKICHI!*

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S LIKE HOW ADDING MINT FLAVOR TO A SWIRLED CHOCOLATE AND VANILLA SOFT SERVE MAKES IT EVEN MORE DELICIOUS.

*HUH...*

SO WHAT'S THIS NATURE ENERGY THING ...?

*HEH HEH...* THAT'S THE KIND FELLA NARUTO IS...

IT TOOK THAT TO MAKE YOU UNDER-STAND, EH....

OH!

I GET IT NOW!

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OH... RIGHT.

GAH... ENOUGH TALK. LET ME JUST SHOW YOU.

Skup skup skup

AS IN *THE AIR AND THE EARTH.*

ATMOS-PHERE AND TERRAIN ...

HUH ...

ENERGY THAT IS EXTERNAL TO YOU...THE ENERGY THAT EXISTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE TERRAIN.

YOU'RE GATHERING NATURE ENERGY SO EASILY!!

WOW!! YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING, LORD FUKA-SAKU!

HUH? WHERE?

!?

SFX: KLOMP!

WH-WHOA...

FWP

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH.

STRONG

STRONG

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SFX: WOOMPH!

THIS...IS THE POWER OF NATURE ENERGY-ENHANCED SAGE JUTSU.

W-WELL ...?

RWISSH

RWISSH

H-HE'S LIFTING THAT?!

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WHOA!

FBRRR FBRRR

SFX: PHOOM...

...NOR ABLE TO TAKE ANY INFO YOURSELF.

HUF

HNNFF

WELL OF COURSE NOT. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE NOT YET ABLE TO SENSE NATURE ENERGY, NARUTO-BOY...

HNNFF

HUF

...EXCEPT THAT YOU WOVE A SIGN AT THE BEGINNING.

B-BUT I DON'T THINK I GOT A THING...

YOU BECOME ONE WITH NATURE.

HUF

HUF

THEN HOW DO I DO IT?

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HE MEANS AS TO DIE.

URR... BECOME ONE...?

.....

EH ?

SFX: SHUP!

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OR, ARE YOU LORD JINCHURIKI, SIR? EH...

HEY, THAT'S ARE YOU LORD EIGHT TAILS, SIR? TO YOU.

ARE YOU THE EIGHT TAILS JINCHURIKI?

I'M HERE TO CAPTURE YOU.

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KARIN, YOU GET MY BACK.

JUGO, THE LEFT.

SUIGE-TSU, COVER THE RIGHT.

I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN.

SFX: FWOOO!

雲雷峡

HMM... LET'S SEE...

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SFX: TAK!

I'M IN DA MIDST O'MY RHYMEZ, YA'LL IZ BUSTIN'IN ON MY TIME, ...AN'NOW I GOTTA SPIT MY LINE, FOOLS YA FOOLS!

SFX: OSH!

SFX: SWIHS!

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SFX: BOOM!

...THE *JINCHURIKI*, REMEMBER, SUIGETSU?

THE AKATSUKI TOLD US NOT TO COMPLETELY WIPE OUT...

DON'T WORRY.

I STILL FEEL HIS CHAKRA LOUD AND CLEAR.

SFX: SCRITCH!

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SHEESH, WHAT A FLASHY DIVERSION.

DA ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO DIG ME TO ME, YO.

SO STAND BACK AN' STAY BACK, OR YOU'LL GET WHACK, YA FOOL!

SFX: SHUP!

STEP BACK, SUIGETSU ...

SFX: WHORL!

UGH!

FWAP

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HOW DOES DYING MEAN BECOMING ONE WITH NATURE?

...DIE?!

RELAX. YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GONNA DIE, NARUTO-BOY.

BUT...

GAMAKICHI, WHAT'S WITH THE DYING? THAT'S TOO MUCH!

DON'T MAKE SUCH WEIRD ANALOGIES!

.....

I'LL EXPLAIN IT STEPWISE.

JUST LISTEN TILL THE END.

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...IS TO BECOME ABLE TO SENSE IT, ATTRACT IT AND ABSORB IT THROUGH YOUR SKIN.

SPROING

TO TAKE NATURE ENERGY INTO ONESELF...

.....

IN ADDITION, BY BECOMING ONE WITH NATURE...

...YOU ALSO GAIN FULL CONTROL OVER NATURE ENERGY ENTERING AND LEAVING YOUR BODY.

SFX: GULP!

YEAH!

PRACTIALLY SPEAKING, IN TERMS OF YOUR TRAINING...

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DON'T MOVE.

HUH?

.....

ISN'T THAT JUST A LITTLE TOO EASY?

SO BASICALLY... I HAVE TO BE STILL?

...WHEN WE STOP OUR OWN MOVEMENTS AND SYNCHRONIZE OURSELVES WITH THE FLOW OF NATURE.

WE ANIMALS CAN ONLY APPRECIATE AND SENSE NATURE ENERGY...

NARUTO, YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT...

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I'VE DONE ALL SORTS OF TRAINING... LEAPING, RUNNING, MANIPULATING CHAKRA...

...BUT NEVER NOT MOVING... I DON'T REALLY GET IT.

BUT THAT'S HOW YOU TAKE IN NATURE ENERGY, HUH?

THE HARDEST THING FOR AN ANIMAL TO DO IS TO BE ABSOLUTELY STILL.

HEH...

SPROING

SPROING

!

THIS IS PRETTY HIGH-LEVEL STUFF.

TAP

IT'S NOT INSTINC-TUAL... THIS TRAINING TAKES TIME.

WHAT IS IT?

WELL IT'S NOT THAT THERE ISN'T, BUT...

THERE ISN'T A *SHORT-CUT* OR SOME-THING?

YOU KNOW WE DON'T GOT A LOT OF TIME!

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TOAD OIL?

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THIS *WATERFALL* BEHIND ME... THE SECRET *TOAD OIL* OF MOUNT MYOBOKU.

COME HERE AND HOLD OUT ONE HAND.

?

SHUP

SFX: THUD, THUD, THUD, THUD!

WHAT NOW?

SHUUG SHUUG

Dip...

FSH

HERE.

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HEY, I THINK I FEEL SOME-THING...

WHOA! THAT'S USEFUL!

IT HELPS WITH THE TRAINING.

THIS TOAD OIL HAS THE PROPERTY OF ATTRACTING NATURE ENERGY.

SHUUG SHUUG

...YOU'LL GAIN THE ABILITY TO SENSE NATURE ENERGY.

AND THEN, GRADUALLY...

...NATURE ENERGY CAN ENTER THROUGH HERE.

WHER-EVER YOU RUB THIS OIL ON YOUR BODY...

...USING IT IS NOT WITHOUT ***RISKS***.

...AND ALTHOUGH YOU'LL EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO DO WITHOUT IT...

IT'S A TOOL TO HELP GRASP THE CONCEPT...

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!?

ZWOO...

IF A NEOPHYTE WHO CANNOT CONTROL NATURE ENERGY USE IT, THEY START TRANSFORMING INTO A FROG.

SFX: PHOOM!

AAARGH!!

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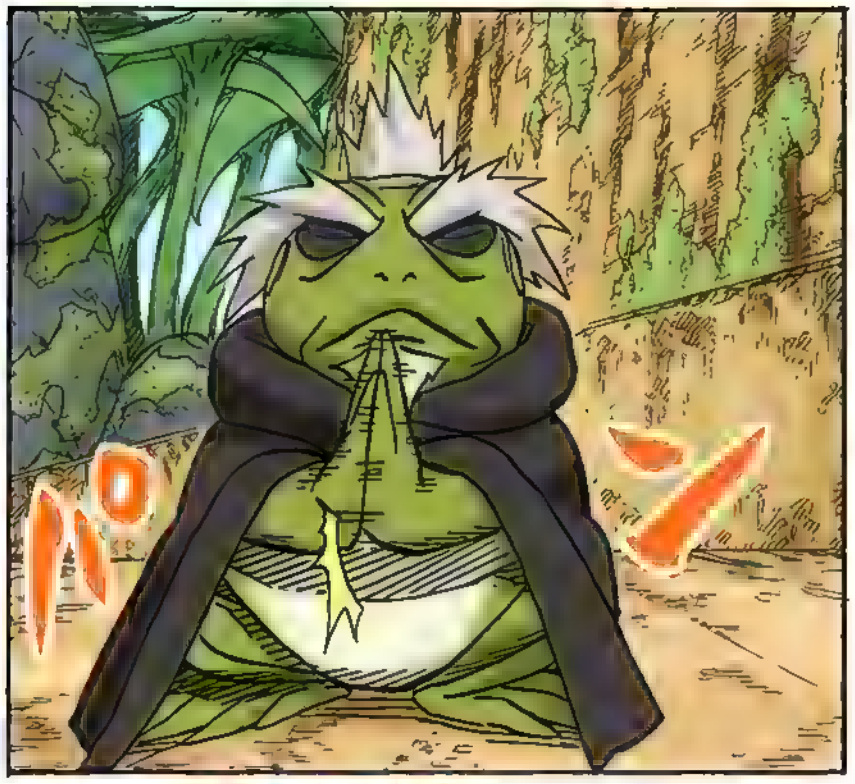
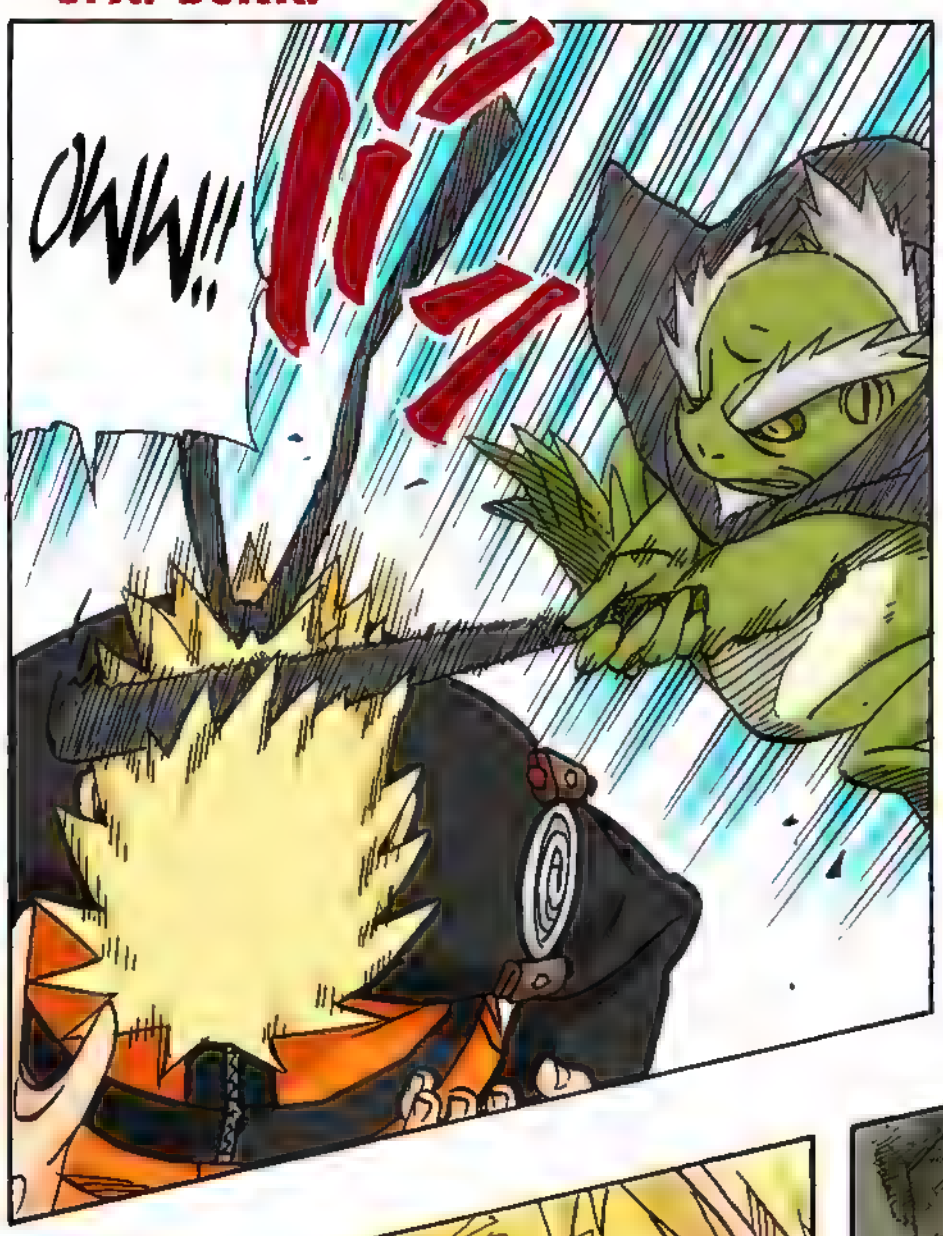
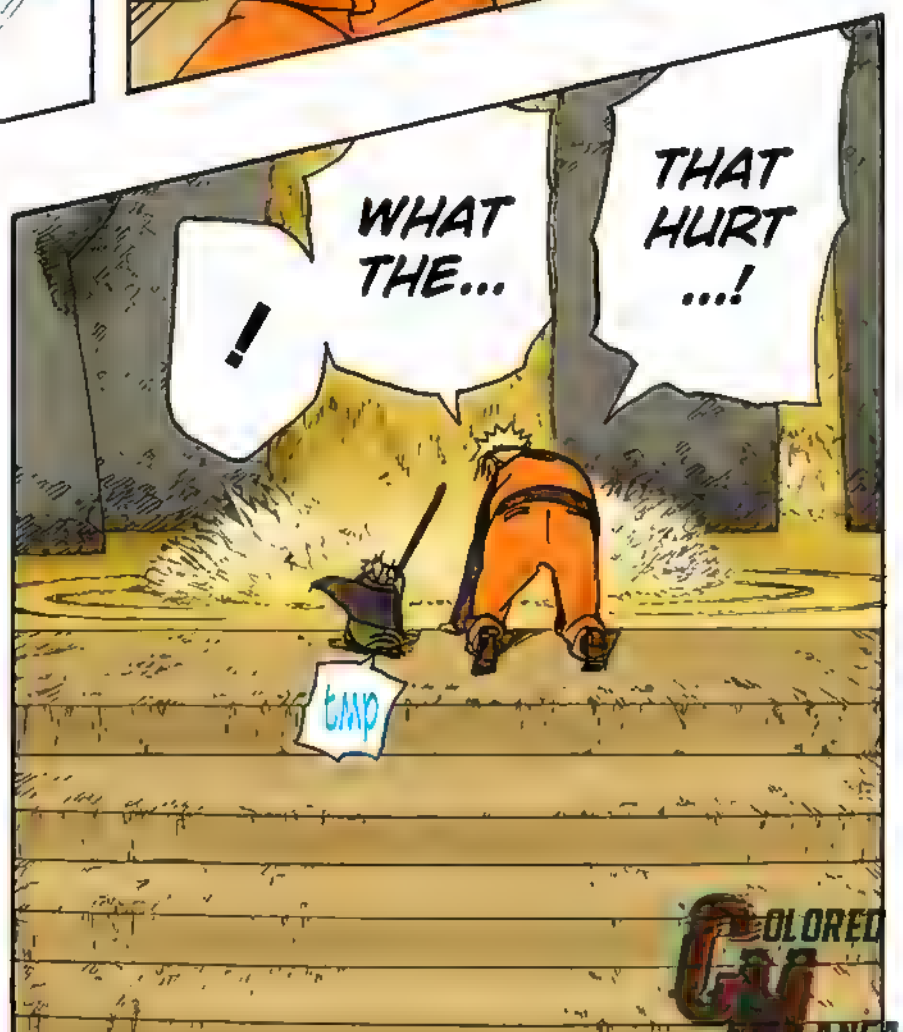
SFX: BOOF!




SFX: BONK!




SFX: KLAP!

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MENTAL
NATURE
PHYSICAL
SAGE

IF YOU DON'T MANIPULATE THOSE THREE TOGETHER CAREFULLY, YOU CAN'T PRODUCE SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA!

IT'S ALL ABOUT BALANCE.

BETWEEN MENTAL ENERGY, PHYSICAL ENERGY, AND NATURE ENERGY.

...BUT THEN TO COMBINE NATURE ENERGY HARMONIOUSLY FROM OUTSIDE IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART.

IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO BALANCE MENTAL ENERGY AND PHYSICAL ENERGY BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO YOU'RE USED TO DOING IT FOR REGULAR NINJUTSU CHAKRA...

...
BALANCE, HUH...

...AND YOU, IF YOU TAKE IN TOO MUCH...

...NATURE ENERGY WILL OVERWHELM YOU AND TURN YOU INTO A FROG.

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BOOF!

PSHEW
PSHEW

TAKE IN TOO LITTLE, AND YOU WON'T GET SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA.

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GULP.

IF YOU ONLY TAKE IN A LITTLE TOO MUCH, IT'S REVERSIBLE.

BUT GET BEYOND A CERTAIN AMOUNT...

...AND YOU'LL NEVER REVERT BACK TO HUMAN BEING.

THESE STONES STATUES AROUND US ARE ALL PAST ACOLYTES WHO'VE FAILED.

AND ONCE YOU TURN INTO A FROG, THEN YOU PROGRESS FURTHER TOWARD PERMANENTLY BECOMING ONE WITH NATURE...

WHAT I MEANT ABOUT YOU HAVING TO DIE AS THAT YOU MIGHT STOP BEING HUMAN.

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THIS BATON IS A TOOL THAT BEATS NATURE ENERGY OUT OF ONE'S BODY.

WELL... DON'T FRET TOO MUCH... I'LL BE RIGHT AT YOUR SIDE.

ALL OF THEM...?

.....

IF YOU START TRANSFORMING INTO A FROG, I'LL BEAT YOU THOROUGHLY TO RESERVE IT.

AND HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST AT IT.

WHEN HE MANIPULATED SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA, JIRAIYA-BOY ALWAYS ACQUIRED SOME FROG FEATURES.

...EVEN JIRAIYA-BOY WASN'T ABLE TO COMPLETELY MASTER IT.

SPEAKING TRUTH-FULLY...

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NOT THAT I THINK YOU'D BALK NOW, THIS LATE IN THE GAME...

...BUT LET ME ASK A LAST TIME... WHAT SAY YOU?

SFX: FWAP!

...IS THAT SAME AS PERVY SAGE'S!

MY SHINOBI WAY...

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EXCE-LLENT! ONCE AGAIN, NICELY SAID!

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SFX: SHEENG

So before you get all Disintegrated... OWW.

yeah, this battle y'all Initiated, but I'll leave ya humiliated. ♪

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EIGHT TAILS, THAT BE ME, DA RAPPIN' KILLER BEE!

FA SHOW!

YO, MY POWER'S ALL A-FLASH, WITH SOME STILL LEFT IN MY STASH!

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WHO AND WHAT IS HE...

HE'S ALSO WIELDING MY EXECUTIONERS BLADE SO SMOOTHLY ...

RMMMR...

BIT MY TONGUE ...

.....

I CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH AN UNINTELLIGIBLE OAF GOT THE BETTER OF JUGO...

WH- WHAT IS UP WITH THIS GUY ...?

SFX: SHUP!

I'LL DO IT.

UGH...

SFX: ZWOOO...

SFX: OOO

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SHUP

TSH...

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YOU MADE ME BITE MY TONGUE, YO!

SHUP

HE'S GETTING ON MY NERVES ...

GIVE ME A BREAK.

FOOLS, YA FOOLS. ♪

WHO THE HECK ARE Y'ALL?

.....

TWP

YOU ALL RIGHT, JUGO?

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I AM UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO TELL YOU.

SHUP

YO, WHO ARE YA?

WHY YA WANNA CAPTURE ME? EH?!

THAT'S YOUR PREROGATIVE.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, ***LEAVE.***

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POWER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

...WHAT A BOTHER.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO FIGHT SUCH A WEIRD RHYMING FELLOW ANYWAY...

SSSSHH...

...TO GIVE US THE TAILED BEASTS IS TRUE OR FALSE.

FRRHP FRRHP

AND I WANT TO COMFIRM WHETHER THEIR PROMISE...

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...AKA-TSUKI, EH...

HEH...

I KNEW HE WOULDN'T LET HIM-SELF BE USED AS A PAWN.

YOU'RE SO CO-COOL, SASUKE!

OF COURSE NOT.

EITHER WAY, WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO USE THE AKATSUKI, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

DON'T EVER FORGET THAT.

KLIK

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THAT'S THE PLAN.

OKAY, LET'S HURRY UP AND SHUT UP THIS WITLESS PAIN IN THE EAR.

SFX: DUNF!

...UGH... WHAT A JOKE!

SQK

HE'S GOT AB-SOLUTELY ZERO RAPPING TALENT!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!

I AM NOT WITLESS, YO! I GOT CHARMIN' FLOW, FOOL!

SFX: TAK!

PLINK

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KLAK

SFX: KLANGG!!

SFX:VWOO!

SFX: SKRITCH!

SFX: WHIII--ING!

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SFX: KLAGG!!

SFX: SHKUNK!

SFX: TAK!

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SFX: THUD!

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SFX: KLUNK!

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FFSH

RAHHHR

SCRITCH

SSH

SFX: TMP!

SFX: FTAP!

SFX: FTOK!

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SO NOW I'M WILLIN' TO PLAY WIT' YA TOOLS!
♪

YA TEENY BABY FOOLS!
♪

I'M FEELIN' REAL GOOD RIGHT NOW, YO!

JUST PUT DOWN THE BADDEST RHYMES, THANKEE.

SFX: SHOOP, SHOOP, SHOOP, SHOOP!

THIS GUY'S USED TO HANDLING BLADES...

HE'S NOT AN ORDINARY SHINOBI!

WATCH OUT, SASUKE!

!?

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SFX: SHKUK!

SFX: SHKUK!

SFX: KRNNCH!

SFX: SHKUK!

EWOOO...

I'LL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF MY HOOK!

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WHAT'S UP WITH THAT STANCE?

SFX: VRIIMM!!

SFX: TAK!

!

SFX: KLA-KLA-KLANG!!

SFX: SHOOM!

SFX: TMP!

SFX: TAK!

SFX: KLA-KLA-KLA-KLA-KLA-KLA-KLANG!

TMP

SFX: FTAP!

SFX: WHII-TASH!

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SFX: THUD!

SASUKE!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

SFX: SKRITCH!

SFX: SHRUTCH!

WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE MOVES ?!

YOU CAN BARELY READ THIS LINE OF ATTACK.

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HE'S GOING TO USE SOMETHING THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEND AGAINST.

THE CHIDORI BLADE...

SFX: CHIRP-CHIRP!!

SFX: FWIP

KLIK

TAK

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SFX: BZAPP!

WHAT?!

!?

!

YO, FIRST I'M A' GONNA FLOAT N'FLY...LIKE A BUTTAFLY!

♪

HE CAN STREAM IN CHAKRA THROUGH OTHER OBJECTS TOO?!

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SHKUNK

SHKUNK

SHKUNK

SHKUNK

THEN I STING YA LIKE A KILLA' BEE!

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BWHAM

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SASUKE!!

SFX: TAK!

AND I END MY FLO' WITH DA FINISHIN' BLOW! ♪

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SFX: KLANG!

SFX: BZZZZ!

HE ALSO USES MY WEAK POINT, RAITON JUTSU ...!

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SFX: CHIRP! CHIRP!

SFX: TMP!

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SFX: CHIRP! CHIRP! CHIRP!

SFX: FOOMF!

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TIKRAK

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SFX:FWITAP!

THUDD!

HAH!

SFX:FWOP

SFX: SHRRRUK!

SFX: ZWOOO!

SFX: PTAK!

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WHOMP!

SFX: KABOOM!

SFX: BAKOOMT!

SFX:KATOK!

THIS IS NOT GOOD ...!

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SQUICH

SASUKE!

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HERE! HURRY UP AND BITE ME, SASUKE!

DO IT NOW!

SSH...

UUU UUNN NNNH HHH...

CHOMP

FWSSSH

THANKS, KARIN.

SURE...

HUF

HUF

THAT WAY WE CAN PROBABLY TAKE HIM DOWN WITHOUT QUITE KILLING HIM.

FACT IS, THIS GUY IS SUPER STRONG.

WE SHOULD GO AT HIM AS IF WE WERE TRYING TO DESTROY HIM, INSTEAD OF NOT!

SASUKE, THE THREE OF US WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM.

HUF

HUF

AND... THAT WOMAN POSSESSES THE ABILITY TO HEAL OTHERS BY LETTING THEM SUCK HER CHAKRA, HUH, FEH FEH FEH.

IT SEEMS BY STREAMING RAITON THROUGH HIS BODY TO DEFLECT MY ATTACK, HE AVOIDED MORTAL INJURY.

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SPLISH

SFX: ZWOO...

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SFX:THWACK!

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OWW!!

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UGH...

WHAT, YA QUITTIN' ALREADY?

JIRAIYA-BOY NEVER WHINED OR COMPLAINED.

SFX: SHWOO, SHWOO!

WAAH! TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO BE BRUISED AND BLEEDING ON THE INSIDE.

THEY EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE MY PROGRESS!

TRAINING WITH SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS.

EH? WHAT'S THAT?

HEY-, I KNOW A MUCH BETTER TRAINING METHOD.

ZZZ

...!

ME AND MY BATON CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ANYMORE THAN FOUR AT THE MOST!

I KNOW, I KNOW!

...IF ANY OF THEM TRANS-FORMS INTO A FROG, YER DONE FOR!

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT WHATEVER SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS EXPERIENCE REVERTS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL...

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GAH!
OWW!!
ARGH!
OW!
WHACK!
THWAP!
WHACK!
THOK!
SHOOT...
I'M NOT GONNA LAST DOIN' THIS!
THIS AIN'T NO WHACK-A-MOLE GAME! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TRAININ'!
HUFF
HUFF
THAT HURT...
SFX: BOOF!!!
...
MY FACE IS PUFFED UP FROM YOUR BEATINGS, NOT CUZ I'M TURNING INTO A FROG!
OWW!!
!
SFX:THWACK!
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IF IT CAN MAKE ME AS STRONG AS PERVY SAGE, I'LL PUT UP WITH ANY-THING!

...I KNOW!

ONLY THROUGH PERSEVERANCE SHALL TRUE STRENGTH BE GAINED.

I NEVER THOUGHT TRYING TO SENSE NATURE ENERGY WOULD BE THIS HARD...

UNH... OWWW...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU COULD SAY IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT'S YOU AND JIRAIYA-BOY...

...OR ELSE I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN BROUGHT YA HERE.

NOT EVERYBODY CAN MASTER THIS TRAINING'...

NAH...THAT'S NOT ALWAYS ENOUGH.

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THAT'S HOW INCREDIBLE NATURE ENERGY IS.

UNLESS YA ALREADY POSSESS ENORMOUS CHAKRA INSIDE OF YA...

...NATURE ENERGY WOULD JUST TAKE OVER YA RIGHT AWAY.

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THAT'S WHO CAN BECOME A SAGE.

PLUS, YA GOTTA HAVE GUTS N' NEVER GIVE UP...

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SFX: TAK!

SFX: VWEENT!

SFX: SPLOOSH!

SFX: SHOOM, SHOOM!

FOOL!! DO YA WANT TA DIE?!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET TO IT, THEN!

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KLANK!
KLANK!
SHOOM!
THOK!
FSH!
SWISH!
SFX: THUD!
SFX: TAK!
SFX: SPLOCH!
SFX: CHIRP, CHIRP!
SASUKE, NOW! JUST DO THE BOTH OF US!
!

CHIDORI!!!

UGH!

WAA-
AHHH!!

SFX: BWUUMF!

SFX: CHIRP!

SFX: BWAM!

UGH...
UGH...

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バチチチチ!

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FWITAP!

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skreee!

ARGH
!!!!

CHIRP!

CHIRP!

CHIRP!

CHIRP!

CHIRP!

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SFX: BOOM!

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SWSH!

SFX: TAK!

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SFX: PHOOM!

FWOOO

FWOOO

HE'S GONE...

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THEY MAY BE PUNY BUT THEY FULL ON LOONEY! ♪

I'M DONE PLAYIN', GOIN' HOME AN' GET MY DRINK ON, KNOW WHAD I'M SAYIN'?! ♪

HE'S OVER THERE!

TMP

HUF HUF

KARIN!

I KNOW ...!

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SFX: VWOOSH!

TMP

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SFX: ZWOO!

SHE'S ALSO A SENSORY-TYPE TOO, HUH... THAT WOMAN.

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can't be helped. Here comes Da Eight!

SFX: SWSH!

SFX: SP-TOINK!

WHEEE